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CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Bitetto, Bowman, Brown, Clerget, Cole, Elfers, and Stuard

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. 2023 Budget Year in Review
2. 2024-2030 Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

AGENDA SETTING

1. Council Meeting Agenda Calendar
2. Council Committee Meeting Calendar

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purpose of discussing labor negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(i)(i).

ADJOURNMENT

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SUBJECT: 2023 Budget Year in Review

CATEGORY: Information Only

BUDGET IMPACT:

Expenditure Required: None

Within Budget Allocation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023 Budget Year in Review Presentation

STAFF CONTACT: Cassandra Raymond, Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

The 2023/2024 Biennial Budget was adopted December 5, 2022. Finance staff will provide a financial review of 2023 activity, focusing on the General Fund.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION: Study Session MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE: 3/25/2024 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

Informational only; no formal City Council action required.



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2023 Budget Review

City Council Study Session
March 25, 2024

Departments

- Ongoing by Department Director/Budget Manager
- Regular Finance reviews

Finance & Personnel Committee

- Monthly revenue reporting
- Detailed amendment review

State Auditor

- Annual
- Financial, Federal (Single), and Accountability audits

City Council

- Biennial Budget
- Quarterly Budget Amendments
- Mid-Biennial Budget Amendments
- Final Budget Amendment (end of biennium)

Financial Accountability





Fund Balance

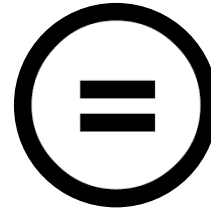
The excess of operating revenues over operating expenses

- A negative fund balance is a deficit
- Council requires 8% of General Fund operating expenditures to be held as reserve
- 8% Reserves + Unreserved Fund Balance = Fund Balance
- Decreases in fund balance are often anticipated as accrued balances are drawn down for planned projects.

*Policy Question – Are Reserve targets appropriate/sufficient?
To be addressed in 2025/2026 Budget Development*

Fund Summary

General Funds



General Fund (001)

Lower than forecasted
building permit
revenues.

Department
expenditures within
budgeted amounts.

General Fund Reserves (002)

No 2023 activity

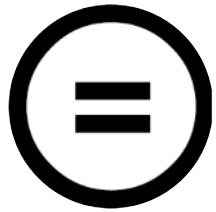
Building Reserve Fund (003)

Annual transfer in from
General Fund;

Transfer out to support
City Hall roof
replacement (completed
2023)

Fund Summary

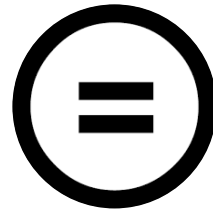
Special Revenue Funds



Complete Streets Fund (103)

Closed grant; no new
activity

Funded by
Transportation
Improvement Board
grant



Drug Enforcement Fund (105)

No 2023 activity
Fund typically has low
activity



Tourism Tax Fund (106)

Collections above
forecasts
Lower than forecasted
professional services
due to timing

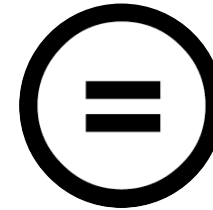


ARPA Fund (115)

Continued to spend
allocations as
recommended by ARPA
Committee and adopted
by budget amendment.

Fund Summary

Debt Service Funds



Debt Service Fund (200)

Slight increase for
interest collections on
scheduled debt service

Local Improvement
District 78 (136th &
Valentine) is the only
active non-utility LID

LID Guarantee (221)

No programmed or
actual activity

Fund is statutorily
required

Fund Summary

Capital Funds



Sidewalk Capital Fund (302)

Projects include:

- ADA Compliance
- 160th Ave Sidewalks
- Elm St Sidewalks

Funding includes grants and General Fund support

REET Fund (305)

Collected 51% of forecast

Activity dependent on real estate activity

Transfer out to support

Cemetery Irrigation
(\$300,000)

Park Capital Fund (106)

Projects include:

- Fryar Ave Trail
- Bennett, Loyalty, Heritage, Rainier View, and Seibenthaler Park

Funding included grants and local funds (e.g. REET)

Street Capital Fund (320)

Projects include:

- Town Center/Woonerf
- Stewart Road Bridge
 - SR410/166th
 - Wood & Main
- Gateway Project
- Academy Bike Lanes

Funding includes state and federal grants, impact fees, and other contributions.

Fund Summary

Capital Funds



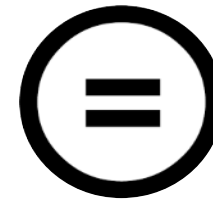
Facilities Capital Fund (325)

Project expenditures include

- Design of PW Operations Facility (funded with General, Water, Sewer, and Street funds)
- Cemetery Building (funded by LTGO)
 - Ryan House

Fund Summary

Utility Funds



Water Fund (401)

Water revenues consistent with forecasts

Capital projects included work on earthquake control valves, tank painting, 24th St Utility relocation, and the Town Center Alder & Kincaid Improvements.

Sewer Fund (402)

Sewer revenues consistent with rate model forecasts

Projects include both collection and treatment plant

Lift station improvements, 24th St utility relocation, WWTF improvements, and the Town Center Alder & Kincaid Improvements.

Utility Bond Reserve Fund (403)

Fund reserved for future use

Stormwater Fund (408)

Stormwater revenues were consistent with forecasts.

The White River restoration and Town Center improvements were the primary projects in 2023

The City received Pierce County Flood Control funding of \$11.8M to support the White River Restoration

Fund Summary

Other Enterprise Funds



Cemetery Fund (410/415)

Although still subsidized by the General Fund, the Cemetery funds met or exceeded the revenue forecasts, with no necessity of additional 2023 subsidies.

Metro Animal Services Fund (440)

A fee increase to the partner cities was assessed for 2023

Staffing shortages result in less open hours

The fund continues to operate with a razor thin margin

Fund Summary

Internal Service Funds



Unemployment Insurance Fund (501)

City is self-insured for unemployment

Claims are processed upon receipt

Claims exceeded cash balance in fund; required transfer from General Fund

Fleet Operations Fund (550)

This internal service fund is supported by user funds, based on a rate model for fleet costs

Increased labor, supply, and fuel costs continue to impact the fund.

Information Services Fund (551)

Internal service fund supported by user funds, based on equipment and FTE count

Delays in some purchasing until 2024 due to supply chain limitations result in an increase of fund balance for 2023.

Fleet Replacement Fund (555)

Ordered 13 vehicles in 2022; received 6

Several purchases delayed by long lead times to 2023/2024

Fund Summary

Fiduciary Funds



Cemetery Endowment Fund (601)

Per Sumner Municipal Code, 10% of all lot sales are dedicated to perpetual care.

Principal cannot be used; interest can be transferred to Cemetery operations

Developer Impact Fee Fund (605)

Impact fees support parks, fire mitigation, and streets.

Revenues aren't forecast in this fund due to uncertainty, and are appropriated as needed to support specific projects

Firefighter's Pension Fund (551)

Funded through state shared revenue and General Fund subsidy.

Employee Trust Fund (615)

Accounts for employee contributions for child care assistance program.

Funds are custodial and not available for general use.

General Fund

2023 Summary



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General Fund at a Glance



Measure	2023
Revenues vs. Expenditures	Below Projections
Sales Tax Revenue	Within Projections
Property Tax Revenue	Within Projections
Development/Building Revenues	Below Projections
Energy & Communications Tax Revenue	Above Projections
Charges for Goods & Services	Within Projections
Other revenues	Within Projections
Expenditures	Within revised budget

Revenues vs Expenditures

2023 =

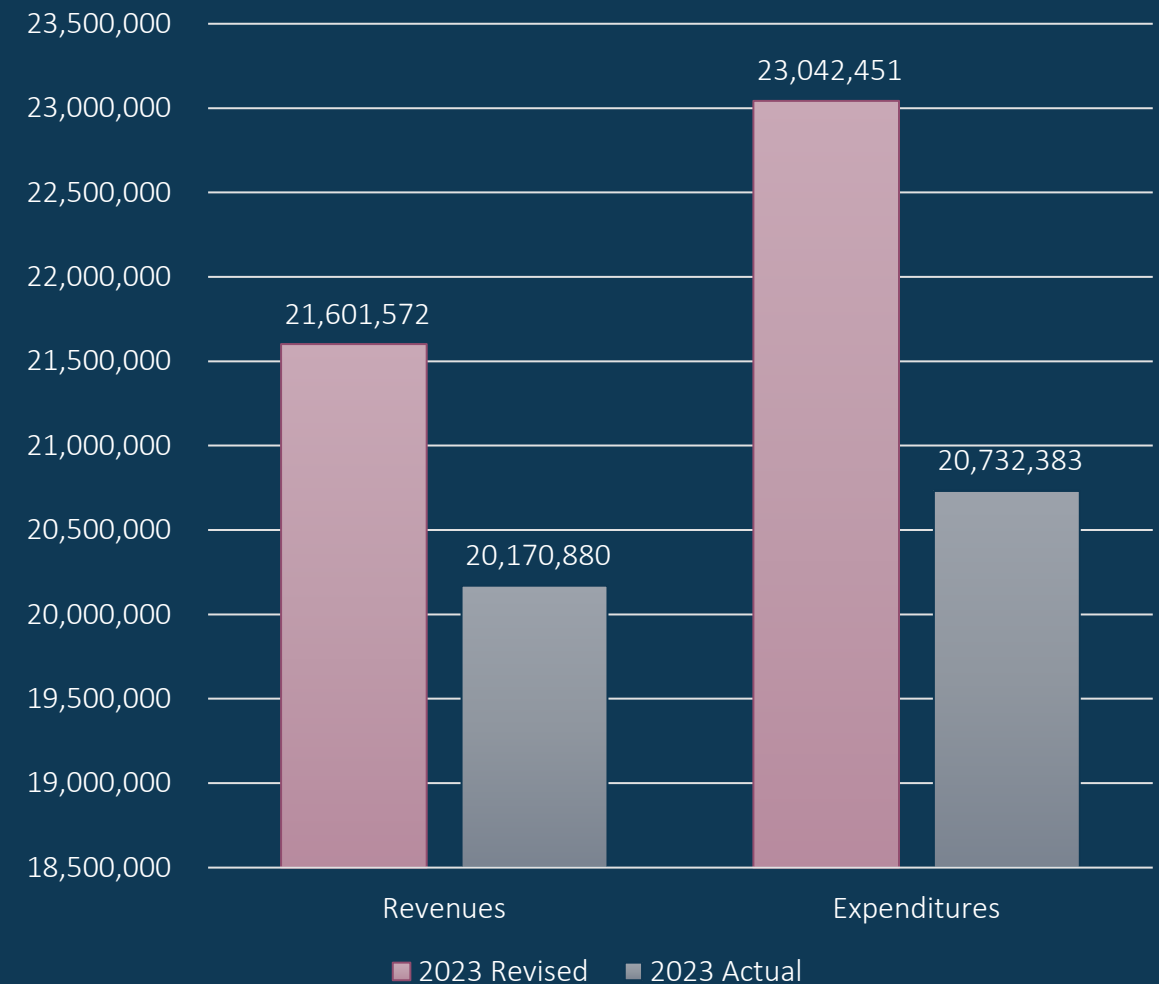
1st Year of 2023/2024 Budget

City received 94% of revised revenues

City expended 90% of revised expenditures



General Fund - 2023 Revised Budget



Revenues vs Expenditures

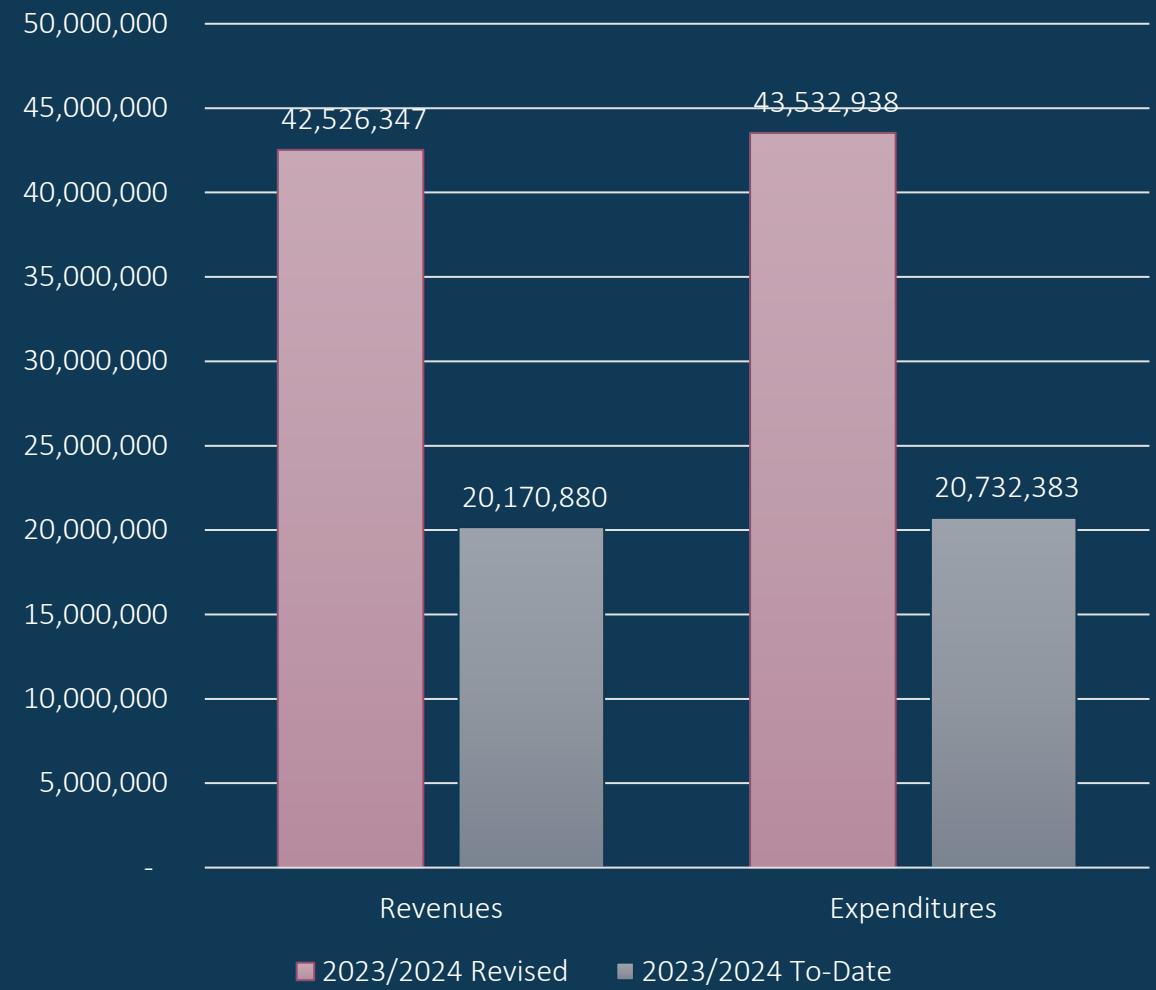
2023/2024 Budget - Revised

City received 49% of revised revenues

City expended 48% of revised expenditures



2023/2024 Biennial Budget (Revised)



Sales Tax

- 39% of General Fund revenue
- Largest, but most unpredictable, General Fund revenue
- Destination-based (supply chain can be a challenge to support)
- Subject to inflation pressure

SALES TAX

PURCHASE  = **\$10.00**

STATE
SALES TAX  = **\$0.65**

RTA
(TRANSIT)  = **\$0.14**

CITY
SALES TAX  = **\$0.10**

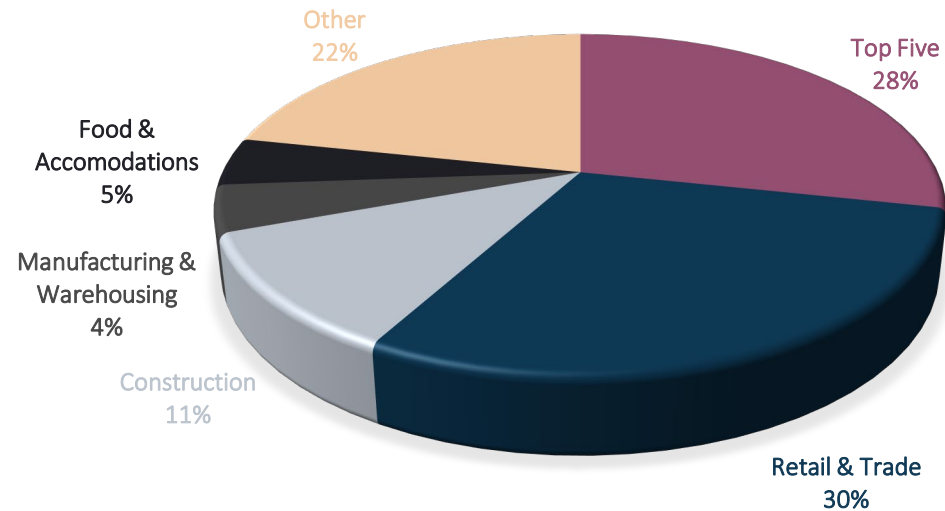
OTHER  = **\$0.06**

 = **\$10.95**

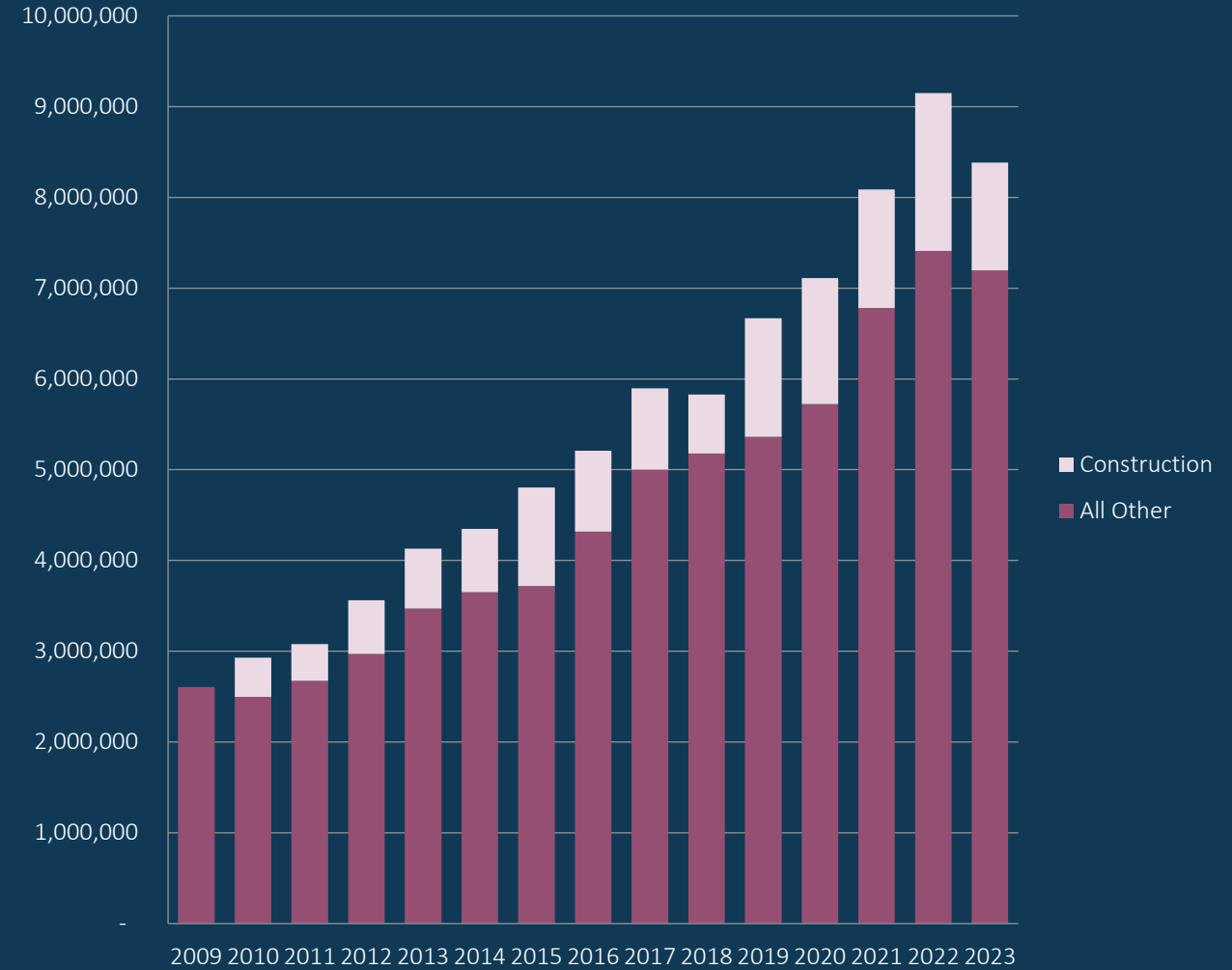
Sales Tax

“Local Retail Sales & Use Tax”

SALES TAX REMITTERS



Sales Tax
January - December 2023 Receipts

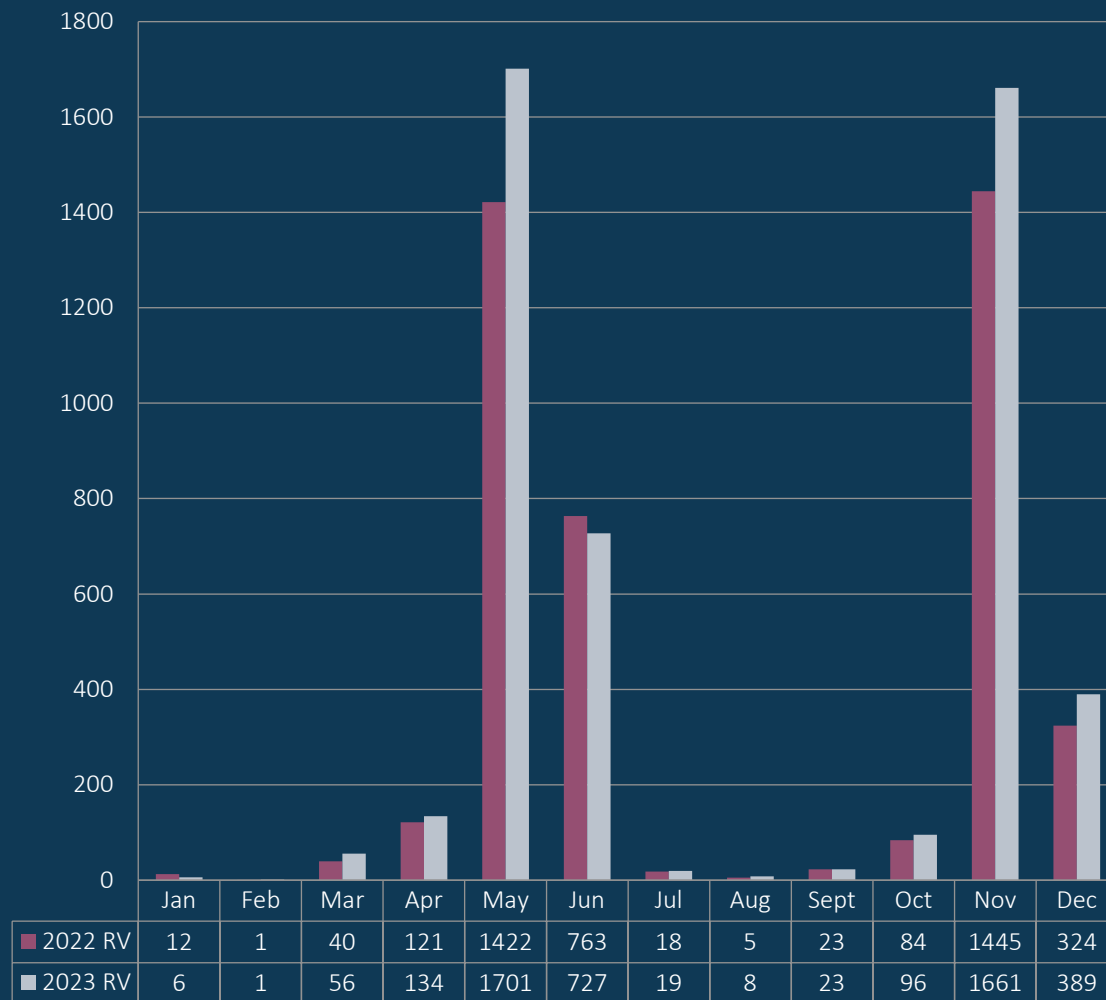


Property Tax

Adopted November 2022 for 2023

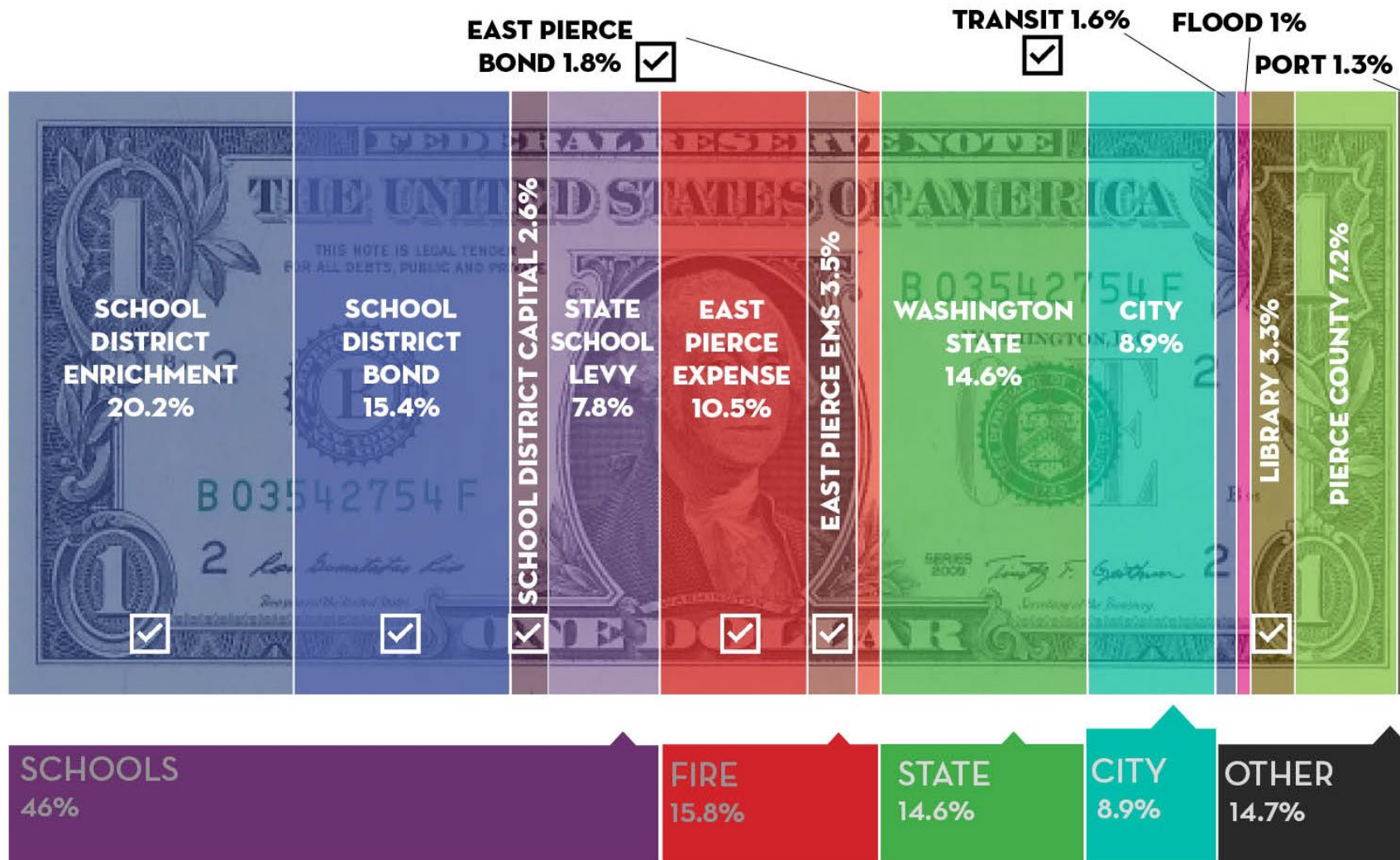
Tax Year	2023
Assessed Valuation	\$4,970,948,308
Rate per \$1,000	\$0.9721
General Fund	\$4,152,497
Streets (Ops & Capital)	\$330,000
City Council Strategic Reserve	\$350,000
Total Levied	\$4,832,497
Total Collected	\$4,821,416

Property Tax Revenues: 2022 to 2023



Numbers in thousands

SUMNER PROPERTY TAX - WHERE IT GOES



Property Tax

- 22% of General Fund revenue
- Most stable General Fund revenue
- Adopted in November for the next year

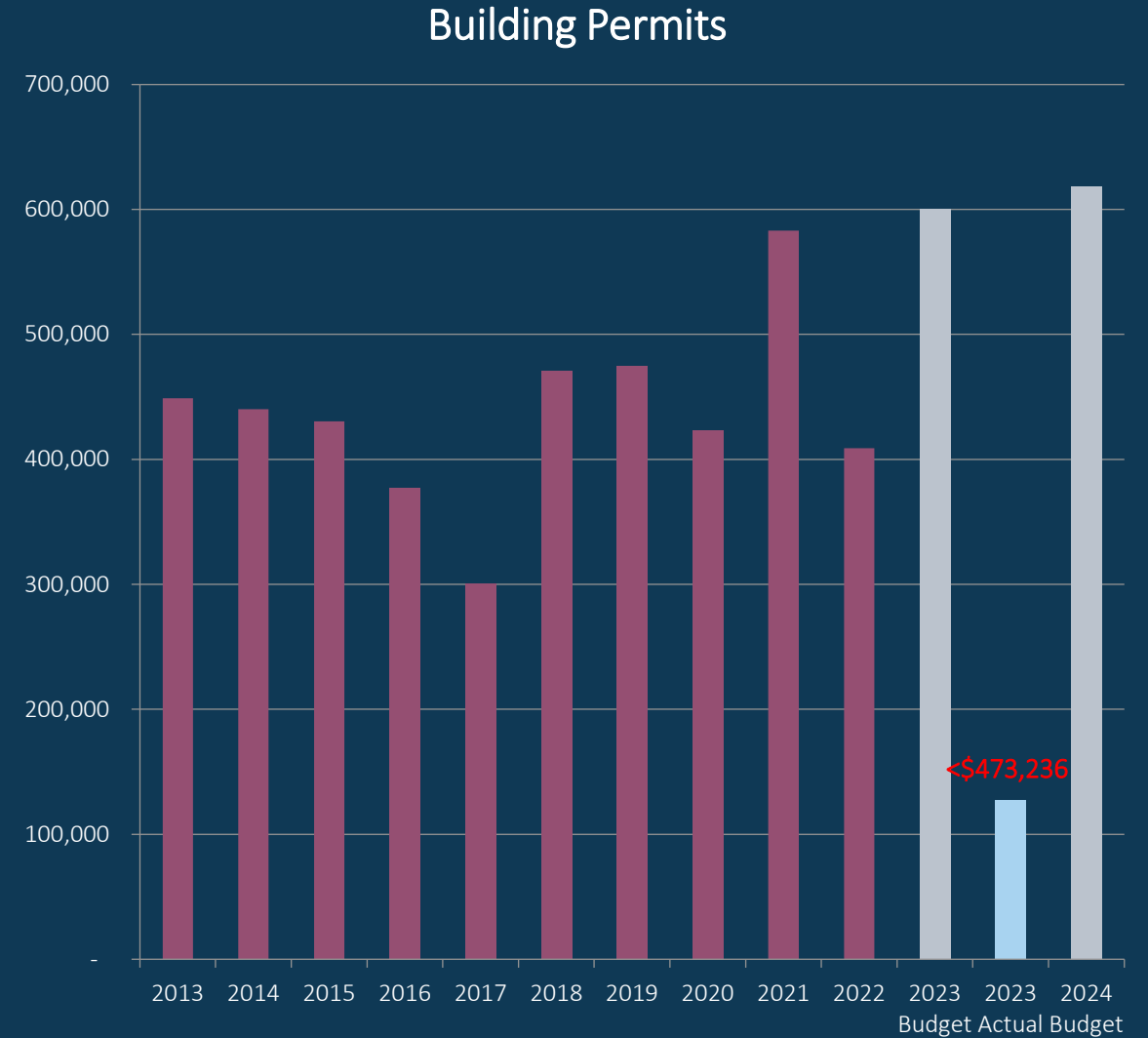
Building Permit Revenues

2023 Budget

City received 21% of adopted revenues
General Fund portion only

Includes:

- *Building Permits*
- *Plumbing Permits*
- *Mechanical Permits*



Development Review Revenues

2023 Budget

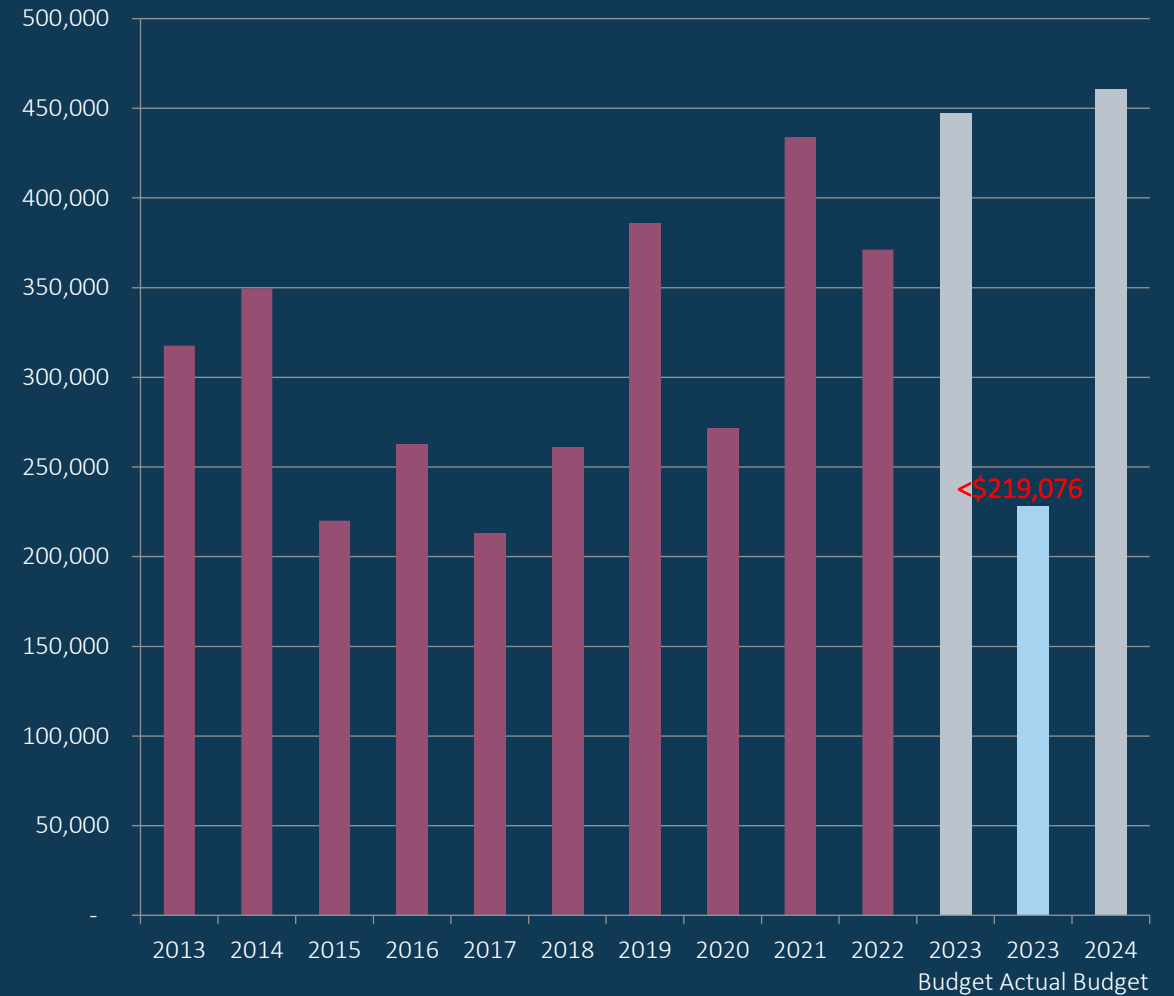
City received 51% of adopted revenues
General Fund portion only

Includes:

- *Zoning & Subdivision Fees*
- *Plan Check Fees*
- *Land Use Review Fees*



Development Review Services



General Fund Expenditures (2023)

Based on Revised Budget (Adopted + Amendments)

2023 is the first year of the biennial budget

Department Directors have latitude to use biennial appropriation at any point in the biennium

All General Fund programs were in line with forecasts

- *Senior Center: 124% of budget due to inflation based increase to services contract*
- *Park Operations: 106% of budget due to theft/loss replacements, increased cost of supplies and utility services*
- *Non-Departmental: 102% of budget due to fire permits (offset by revenues)*

General Fund

Six-Year Financial Model



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Budget Considerations

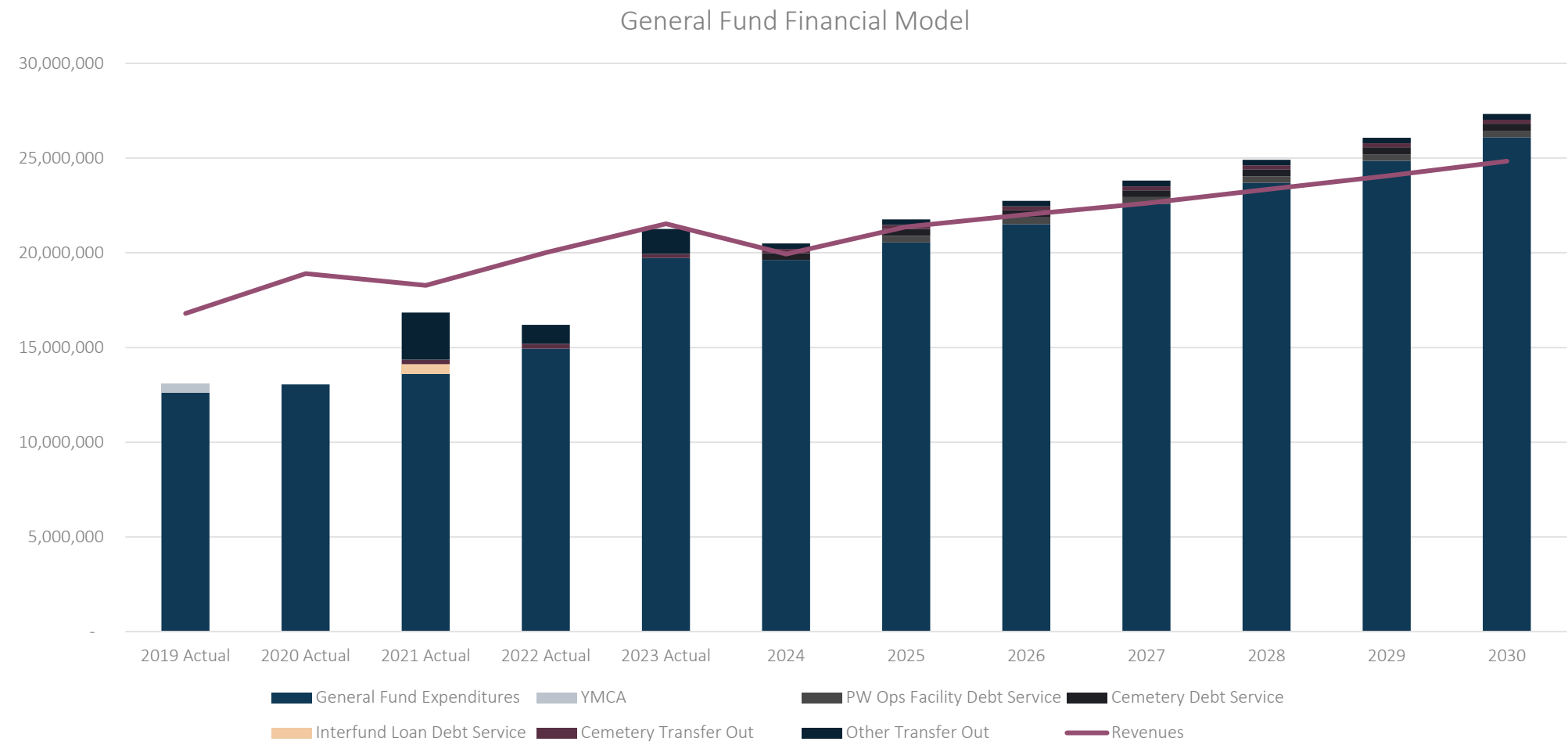
- Inflation
- Interest Rate Environment
- Development Activities
- Supply Chain Challenges
- Social Equity
- Competing priorities for limited resources



CITY OF SUMNER	Actual	Actual	Actual	Revised	Forecast					
General Fund Forecast	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 14,811,876	\$ 16,245,375	\$ 20,058,904	\$ 20,322,041	\$ 19,761,042	\$ 19,713,346	\$ 19,344,571	\$ 18,506,642	\$ 17,295,413	\$ 15,626,258
Revenue	18,278,767	20,011,373	21,527,947	19,929,487	21,367,177	22,021,259	22,618,769	23,348,450	24,057,185	24,838,103
Expenditures	16,845,268	16,197,844	21,264,810	20,490,486	21,414,872	22,390,034	23,456,699	24,559,678	25,726,340	26,972,027
Excess (Deficiency)	1,433,499	3,813,529	263,137	(560,999)	(47,696)	(368,775)	(837,930)	(1,211,229)	(1,669,155)	(2,133,924)
Ending Fund Balance	16,245,375	20,058,904	20,322,041	19,761,042	19,713,346	19,344,571	18,506,642	17,295,413	15,626,258	13,492,334
Required Reserves (8% of Operating Expenses)	1,347,621	1,295,827	1,701,185	1,639,239	1,713,190	1,791,203	1,876,536	1,964,774	2,058,107	2,157,762
Property Tax Reserve - Council	404,381	754,381	1,104,381	1,454,381	1,804,381	2,154,381	2,504,381	2,854,381	3,204,381	3,554,381

General Fund Financial Model

General Fund Financial Model





2024 Programmatic Changes

Address gap between revenues & expenditures



2024 Program Changes

2023/2024 Revenue/Expenditure Gap

2023 Revenue > Expenditure	\$263,137
2024 Revenue < Expenditure	(\$560,999)
2023/2024 Revenue < Expenditure	(\$297,862)

Program Changes

Eliminate Overlay Program (2024)	\$300,000
General Fund Balance	TBD*
2023/2024 Gap	\$2,138

**Will be dependent on 2024 Actual revenues/expenditures*

Questions?

Thank you!

SUBJECT: 2024-2030 Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan

CATEGORY: Presentation

BUDGET IMPACT:

Expenditure Required: None

Within Budget Allocation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks, Trails & Open Space Presentation
2. 2024-2030 Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan Update (Draft)

STAFF CONTACT: Derek Barry, Community Services Manager

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

The 2024-2030 Parks & Trails Plan update utilizes public participation to help evaluate current facilities, identify needs, and opportunities for new or improved parks and trails. Once completed, the plan will prioritize projects, establish funding options and make the City eligible for Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) grants. The Forestry & Parks Commission recommended the plan be presented to the Council for consideration.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION: Study Session MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE: 3/25/2024 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION:

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Sumner Parks & Trails Plan



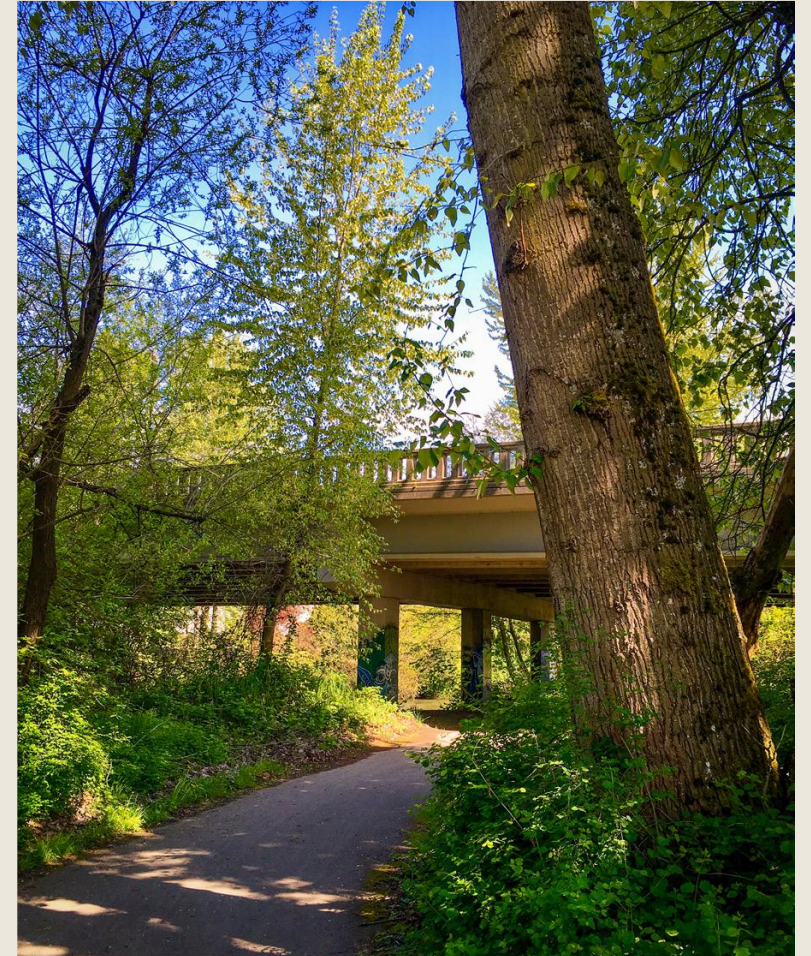
Plan Contents

- Summary & Introduction
- Existing Conditions
- Public Input
- Goals & Objectives
- Demand & Needs Analysis
- Capital Improvement Program
- Plan Implementation
- Appendices



Summary & Introduction

- Envision the Future of Sumner's Parks & Trails
- Establish Funding Eligibility
- Efficiently Manage System
- Foster Active Lifestyles
- Support Local Economy
- Support Sumner's Comprehensive Plan

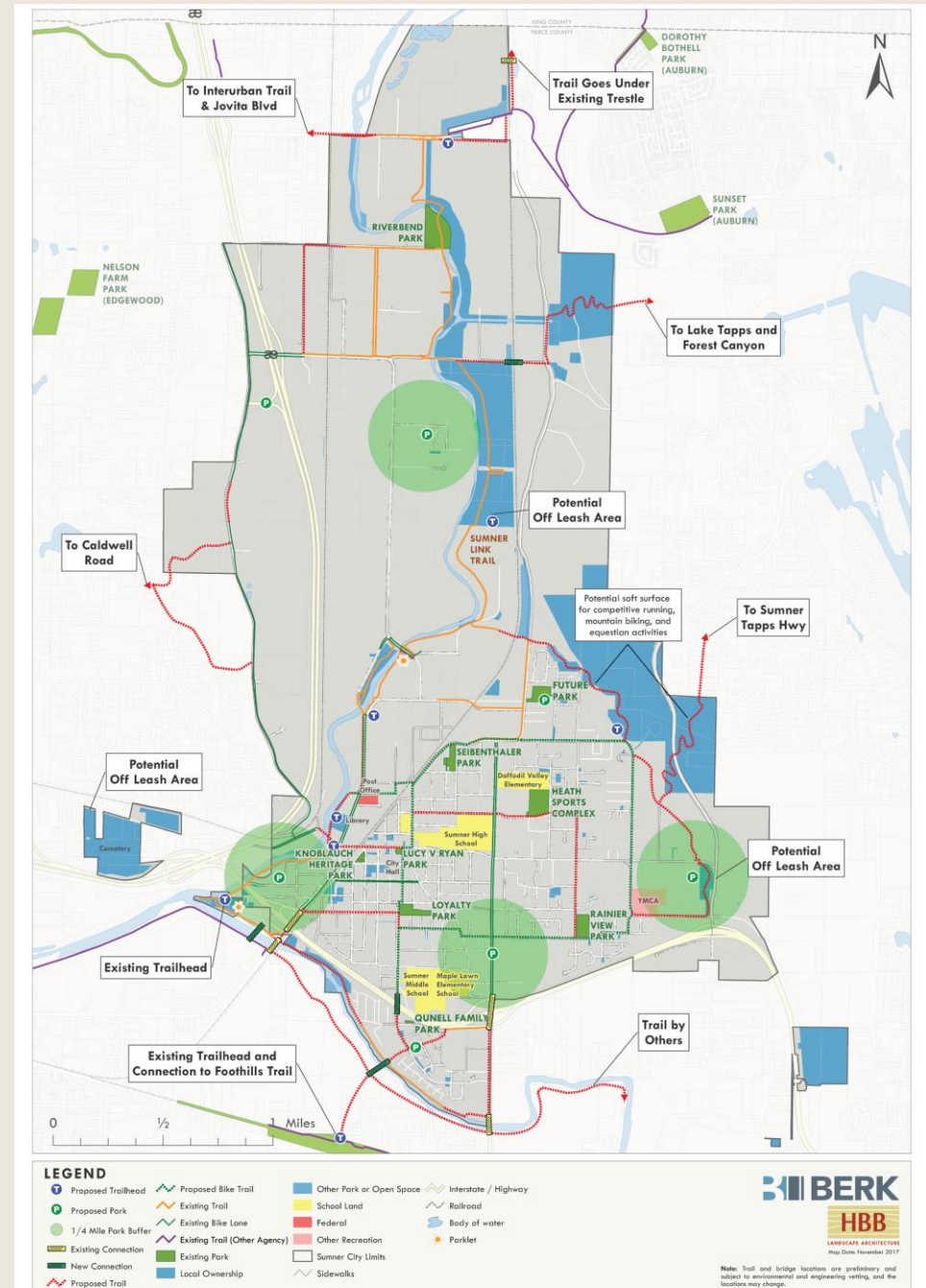


Existing Conditions

Park & Trail Classifications

- Community or Regional:
 - *Bill Heath Sports Complex*
- Neighborhood or Local Park:
 - *Loyalty Park*
 - *Seibenthaler Park*
 - *Rainier View Park*
 - *Bennett Property**
 - *Qunell Family Park**
- Special Use:
 - *Reuben Knoblauch Heritage Park*
 - *Lucy V. Ryan Park*
- Natural Areas & Green Spaces:
 - *Riverbend*
- Trails & Linear:
 - *Sumner Link Trail*
- Pocket Parks, Mini Parks, Tot Lots
 - *Rhubarb Alley*
 - *Hops Alley*
 - *Parklet*

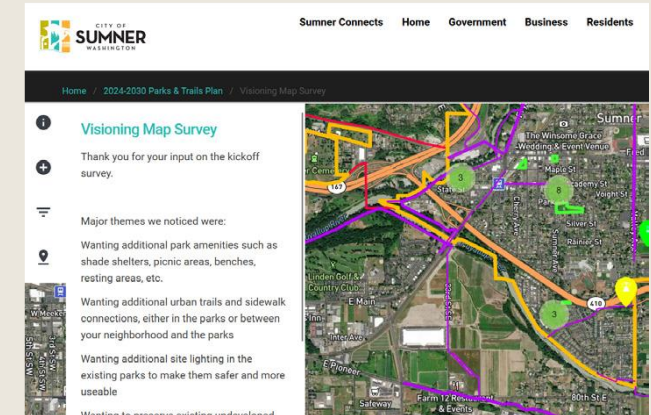
Existing Conditions



Public Input

Key themes

- Safe and Comfortable
- Fun and Friendly
- Beautiful and Clean
- Usable Across Seasons
- Accessible and Connected
- Diverse, Expanding, and Flexible
- Supportive of Active, Healthy Lifestyles
- Provide Open Space, Shorelines, and Habitats for Future Generations



Public Input

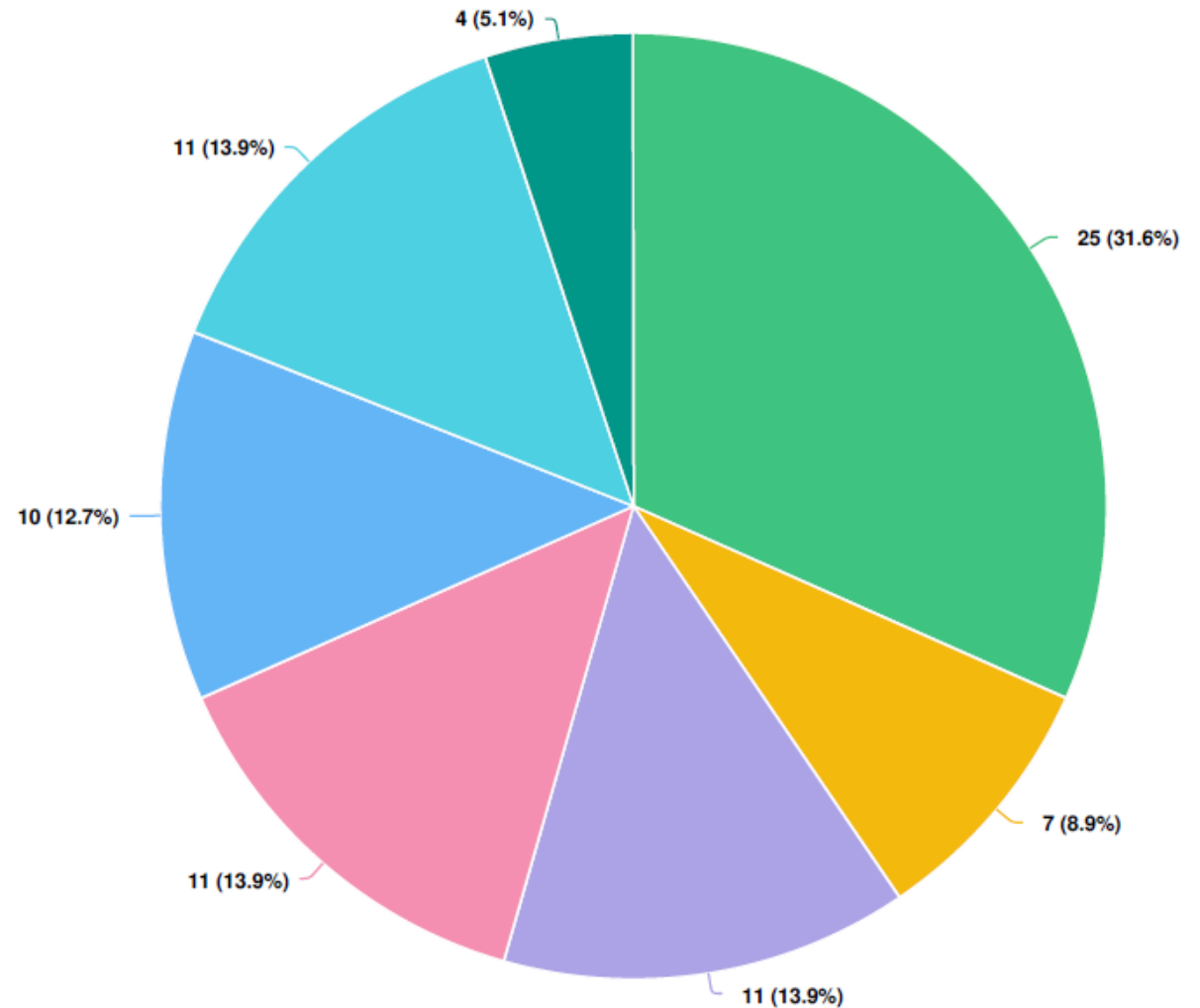
Parks & Trails Update



We're currently updating [Sumner's Parks & Trails Plan](#). This is the long-range master plan that outlines what amenities we want to see in the future at existing or future parks. The City uses this plan to seek funding for future amenities. There's both a Needs & Assessment Survey that asks more traditional survey questions and an Interactive Map Survey that lets you pinpoint locations on a map and talk about current or future parks.

[Take the Needs & Assessment Survey](#)

Q2 | If you live in Sumner, what neighborhood do you live in? (with Valley Ave and Main St serving as the east, west, north, south markers)

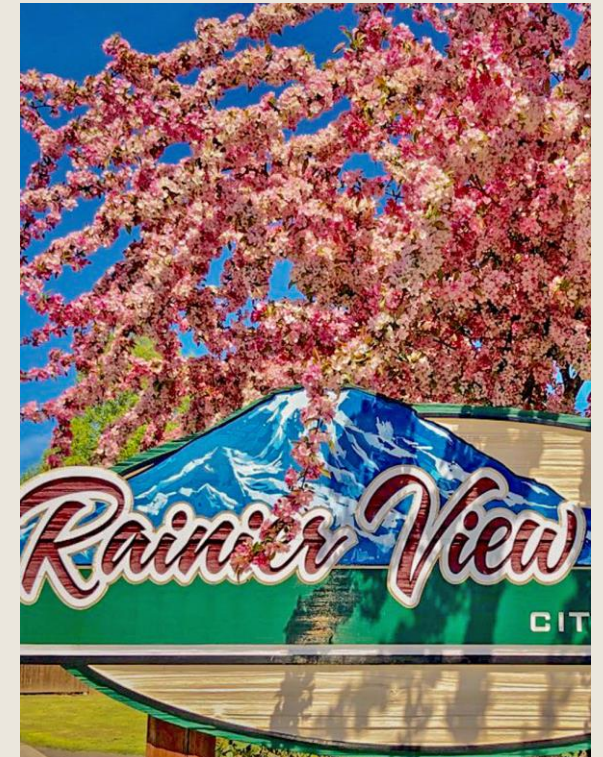


Question options

● Downtown Sumner ● Northwest Sumner ● Northeast Sumner ● Southwest Sumner ● Southeast Sumner
● Rivergrove Area ● Other (please specify)

Goals & Objectives

- Ensure facilities are safe and comfortable for a wide range of users
- Foster spaces that are attractive and inviting, balancing a variety of needs and uses
- Integrate and connect parks, trails and open spaces with various users for easy access

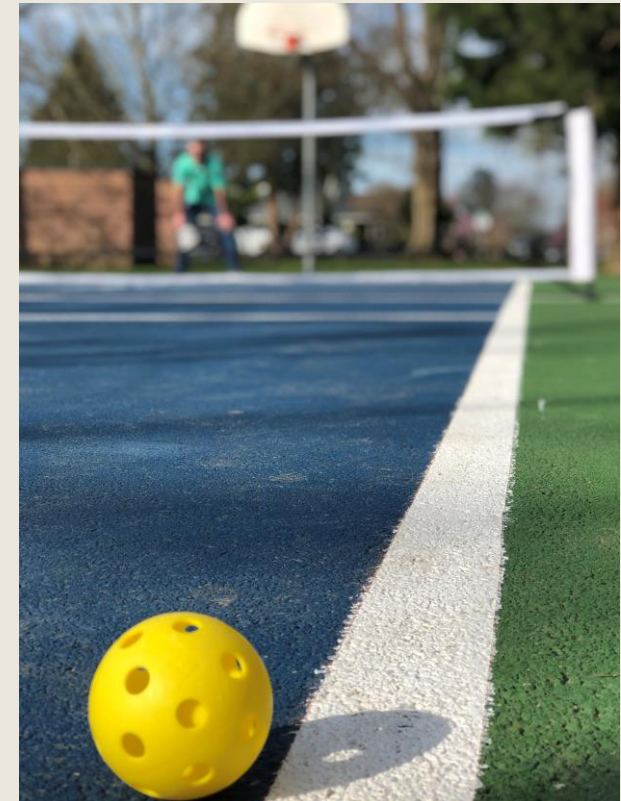


Demand & Needs Analysis

Levels of Service					
Facility Type	2023 Population	2044 Population	Target (per 1,000 residents)	2023 Gap	2044 Gap
Developed Park	2.03 acres	1.42 acres	5.8 acres	-3.77	-4.38
Open Space			4.1 acres		
Trail/Path	0.5 miles	0.35 miles	0.11 miles	+0.39	+0.24

Pierce County Levels of Service Standards	
Facility Type	Target (per 1,000 residents)
Developed Park	6.7 acres
Open Space Area	7.5 acres
Trail/Walking Path	0.11 miles
Sports Courts & Fields	0.2 facilities

City of Sumner Levels of Service Standards	
Facility Type	Target (per 1,000 residents)
Developed Park	5.8 acres
Open Space Area	4.1 acres
Max. walk to a park	10 minutes



Demands & Needs Analysis

City of Sumner Inventory			
Facility Type	Facility Type	Size	Change from 2018
Rainier View Park	Developed Park	3.9 acres	No change
Loyalty Park	Developed Park	3.3 acres	No change
Heritage Park	Developed Park	0.78 acres	Increased size
Ryan Park	Developed Park	0.4 acres	Increased open space
Heath Sports Complex	Developed Park	7.0 acres	No change
Seibenthaler Park	Developed Park	2.3 acres	Increased size
Bennett Property	Developed Park (future)	4.21 acres	Added
Qunell Park	Developed Park (future)	0.25 acres*	Added
Sumner Link Trail	Open Space Area	5.5 miles	No change
Riverbend Park	Open Space Area	11 acres	Changed to White River Restoration
Shops Loop Trail	Open Space Area		No change
Two Rivers Point	Open Space Area		No change
Total Developed Park:		28.99 acres	
Total Open Space Area:		33.45 acres	

*Includes ROW

Demands & Needs Analysis

Current Funding Options

- General Fund – Competitive funding
- Park Impact Fees – Limited to capacity adding
- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) – Competitive funding, typically for capital projects
- Grants – Highly competitive and not guaranteed – typically does not cover maintenance and operational costs
- Private Donors – Can be successful dependent on donor and amount of donation for identified need

Demands & Needs Analysis

Potential New Funding Options

- Business & Occupation (B&O) – Tax measure for value of products, gross proceeds of sale, or gross income of a business – Sumner currently does not have one
- Park District/Levy – Up to voters and stable funding source for levels of services if approved (Capital and Maintenance & Operations)
- Traffic Cameras – Use in park areas could reduce speeds with revenue to support parks

Capital Improvement Program



Capital Improvement Program

Site/Project	RCO*	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2044
Rainier View									
Covered Court (Funded)	A, D, G, H, I	\$ 937,000							
Misc Site Improvements			\$ 100,000						
Heritage									
Alley	I, J, K		\$2,160,000						
Park & Playground	A, G, H, I				\$5,415,000				
Building	K					\$7,000,000			
Lucy V. Ryan									
Master Plan	A, K	\$ 25,000							
Demo		\$ 185,000							
Development	A, K		\$ 100,000						
Loyalty									
Drainage & Site Improvements	A, G, H, I		\$ 109,000						
Picnic/Shade Shelter	A, G, H, I		\$ 25,000						
Expansion & Parking	A, G, H, I		\$ 700,000						
Heath Sports									
Field	A, D, E, I			\$3,000,000					
Lighting	A, D, I			\$ 600,000					
Fencing	A, D, I			\$ 375,000					
Pump & Sk8	A, D, I								\$ 995,000
Picnic & Pathways	A, D, I				\$ 365,000				

Capital Improvement Program

Site/Project	RCO*	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2044
Seibenthaler									
Site Improvements (phases)	A, D, F, G, H, I			\$3,750,000			\$3,750,000	\$2,910,529	
ROW Improvements					\$ 352,700				
Bennett									
Site Improvements (phases)	A, D, F, G, H, I			\$2,250,000			\$3,575,000	\$2,792,317	
Qunell									
Master Plan	A, D, F, G, H, I		\$ 35,000						
Site Improvements	A, D, F, G, H, I				\$1,090,000				
TOTALS		\$1,147,000	\$3,229,000	\$9,975,000	\$7,222,700	\$7,000,000	\$7,325,000	\$5,702,846	\$ 995,000

* Shows potential funding sources through Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) and impact fees only.

A RCO WWRP Local Parks

B RCO WWRP Trails

C RCO WWRP Habitat

D RCO Youth Athletic Facilities

E RCO Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities

F RCO Land Water Conservation Fund

G RCO No Child Left Behind

H RCO Outdoor Learning Grants

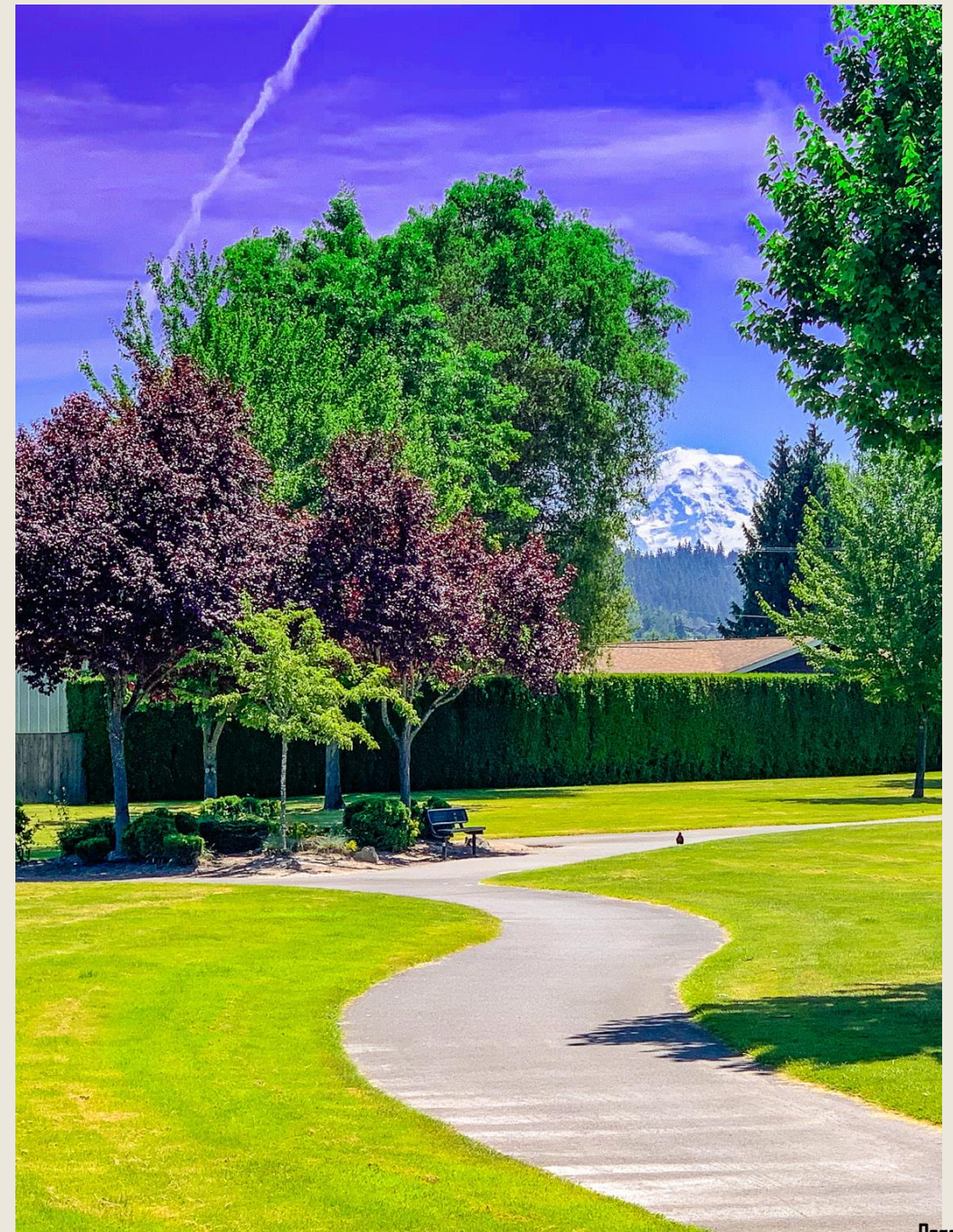
I Sumner Park Impact Fees

J Sumner Transportation Improvement Program

K Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Grant

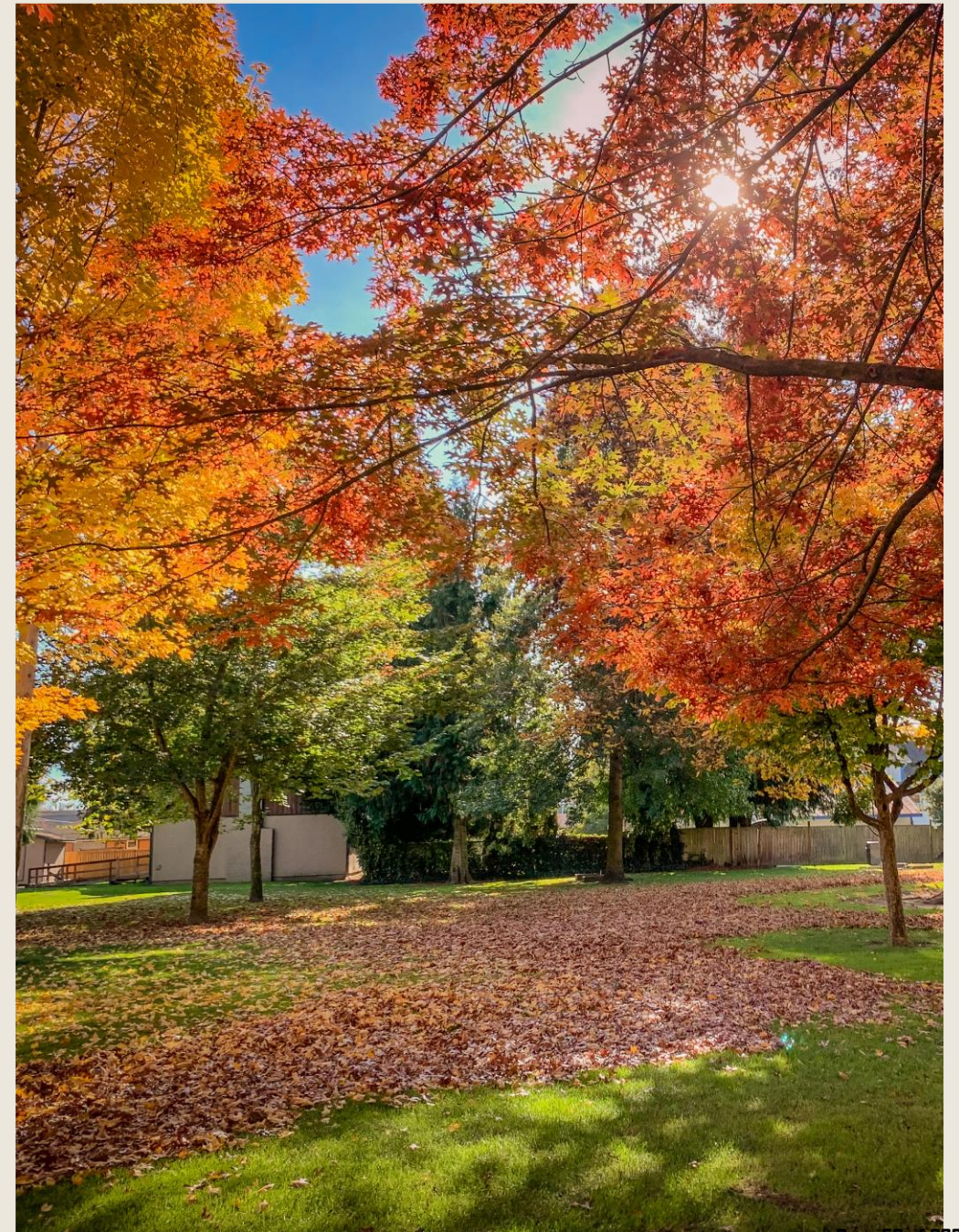
Plan Implementation

- Forestry & Parks Commission
 - *Recommendation March 14, 2024*
- Council Study Session
 - *March 25, 2024*
- Public Hearing
 - *April 15, 2024*
- Council Study Session
 - *April 22, 2024*
- Council Adoption
 - *May 6, 2024*



Appendices

- Inventory of amenities at each facility
- Survey and outreach data



Questions / Comments

PARKS, TRAILS, & OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE



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SUMMARY

Sumner updates this plan every six years to assess changes in community needs, track changes in recreational preferences and ensure goals outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan are being sought through efforts to maintain, grow and evolve Sumner's parks/trail system.

This plan covers the period of 2024-2030 and will help the City of Sumner seek funding and prioritize projects over this period. It has been prepared in compliance with the State of Washington Growth Management Act requirements and developed in compliance with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) guidelines.

This plan provides an inventory and analysis of the City's existing assets. It examines the City's parks and recreation service levels in comparison to its current and future projected demographics as well as other cities and national recreational standards. Sumner has a lower-than-average ratio of park acres to population with less than 5% of the city's overall land area being used for parks and recreation. The national average is three times this number. While residents show satisfaction with the City's amenities, they often rely on neighboring communities and travel outside Sumner to meet their interests or access specific recreational facilities.

For this plan's current update, Sumner engaged residents through a variety of tools including an on-line survey, a series of park "pop up events," open houses and a project webpage with opportunities to map suggestions. Although the City's current level of service falls short, the public holds a high level of enthusiasm for the system and were very interested in specific additions and improvements.



INTRODUCTION

Parks, trails and open space are critical to a community's quality of life as well as the physical and mental wellbeing of its residents, businesses and visitors. Whether you use Sumner's recreational amenities to walk your dog or to enjoy a lunch break on a sunny day, these are the spaces that help connect you to nature, to other people and to the community. We thank all the people who helped update this plan.



PURPOSE

This plan assesses how well the City of Sumner's parks, open spaces, and trails serve the community now and into the future. This plan is a dynamic and fluid strategic guide for managing and enhancing the City of Sumner's parks, trails, open space, and recreation services. It updates the framework to prioritize projects and seek funding so that enhancements made over these years serve the community's desired quality of life.



This plan provides a vision for the City's parks and trail system, proposes updates to level-of-service standards for park and facility classifications, and ensures these efforts align with Sumner's mission, vision, strategic priorities and comprehensive plan.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

The State of Washington RCW 36.70A.070 outlines the components that each city's Comprehensive Plan must include. The items specific to parks and recreation are as follows:

A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. The element shall include:

- a) Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period;*
- b) an evaluation of facilities and service needs; and*
- c) an evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.*

RCO

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is a state agency that “manages several grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities, protect the best of the state’s wildlife habitat and farmland, and help return salmon from near extinction.” The agency awards approximately 270 grants, many of which the City of Sumner is eligible, totaling \$78M each year. To apply for grant funding, a municipality or agency must have adopted a recreation or conservation plan before applying for a grant, and plans must meet specified requirements. The methodology, organization, and content of this plan address RCO eligibility guidelines.

CITY OF SUMNER

This 2024-2030 Parks & Trails Plan is incorporated into the City of Sumner’s Comprehensive Plan by reference. It also aligns with existing Municipal Code.

This plan establishes the City’s 6-year and 20-year Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) with regard to parks, trails, and open space, which assists the City in seeking grant funding and informs the City’s own processes for budgeting, procurement, and construction needs. This plan leaves enough flexibility to allow the City to adapt to unforeseen opportunities that may present themselves during this plan’s performance period.

This document does not dictate nor promise any specific future park development, acquisition, or maintenance needs that the City will undertake over the next six years. Rather, it provides insight into how potential programs could be developed to best align with the community’s needs and wishes.

PROCESS

This update was conducted following the six minimum elements identified in *RCO Manual 2, Planning Policies & Guidelines*.

Existing Conditions (Systems Inventory)

A description of the planning or service area, including physical setting, historic context, community profile, planning/zoning, and an inventory of each existing asset or program with a summary of conditions.

Public Involvement

A description of how the process gave the public ample opportunity to be involved in plan development and adoption.

Demand & Needs Analysis

An analysis that balances public demand with current capacity and future expectations.

Goals and Objectives

Broad statements of intent that capture a community's desired outdoor resources.

Capital Improvement Program

The capital improvements or facility programs desired/needed for at least 6 years that prioritizes land acquisition, development, renovation, and restoration projects.

Plan Adoption & Approvals

A resolution, ordinance, or other adoption instrument showing formal approval of the plan and planning process by the governing entity.



SECTION I EXISTING CONDITIONS

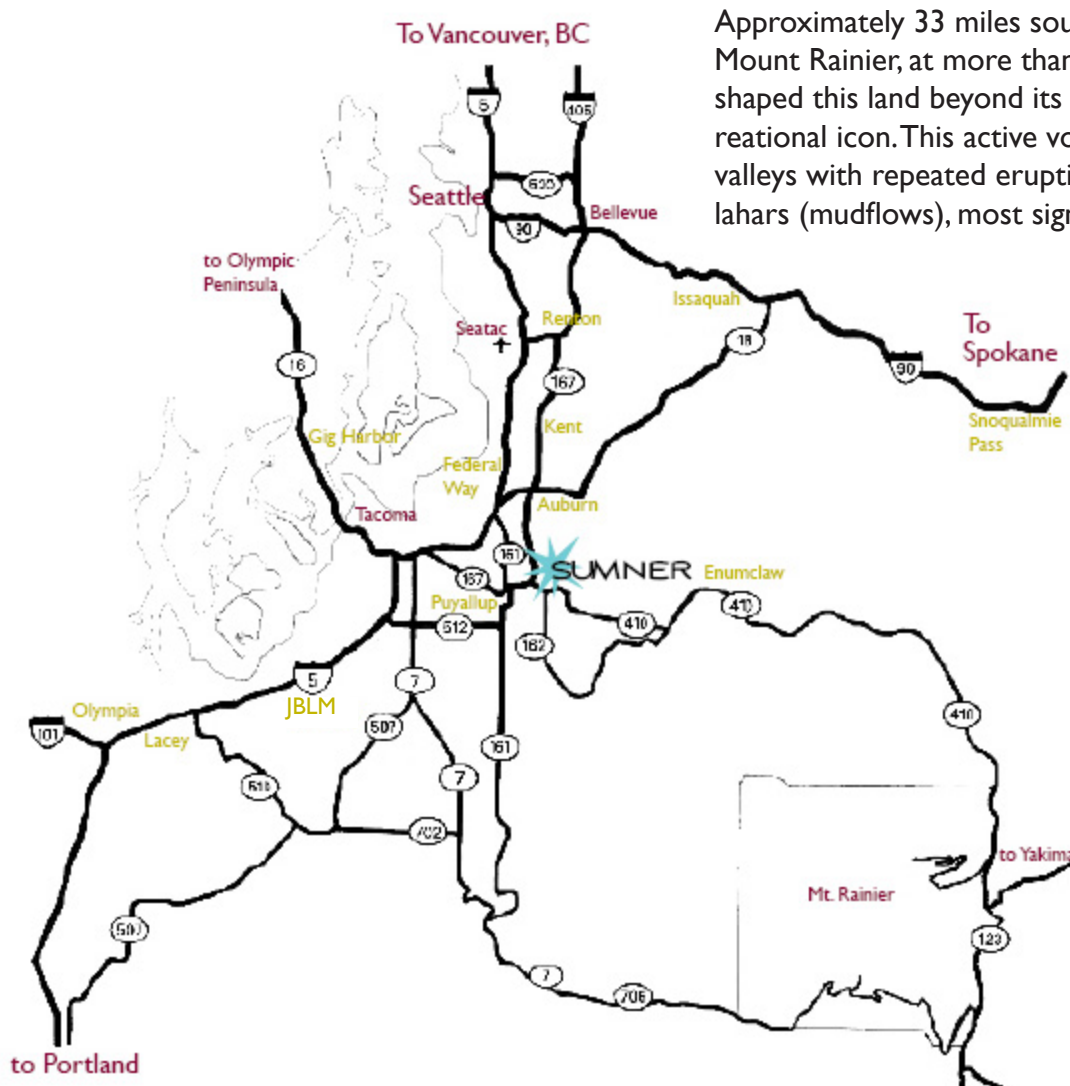


This chapter evaluates the current conditions of Sumner's parks, recreation, opens space and trails. It analyzes the population that the parks are serving while providing regional context for recreation. Currently, the City manages six named parks, one large trail system and two land-banked properties anticipated for additional parks.

PHYSICAL CONTEXT

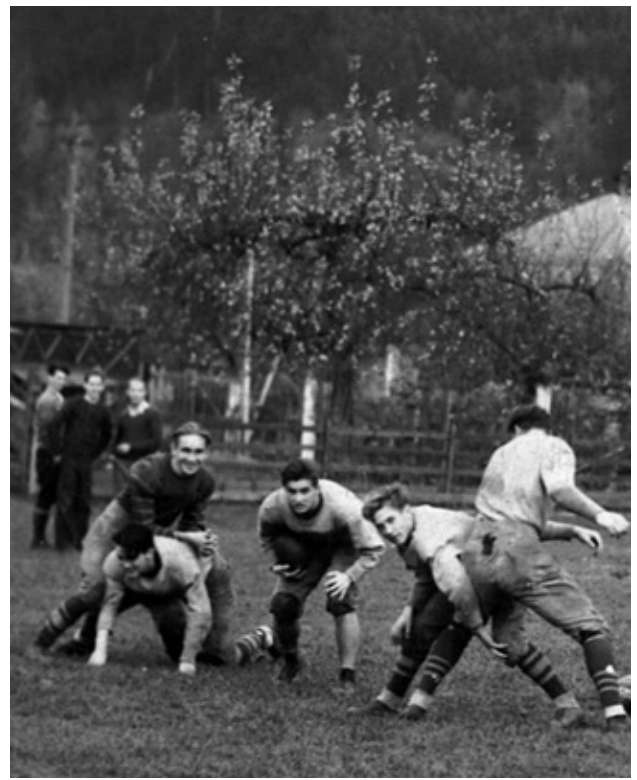
Sumner is located in north central Pierce County, Washington, approximately 40 miles south of Seattle, and 10 miles east of Tacoma, at the confluence of the Puyallup and White Rivers. The City encompasses 4,870 acres or 7.6 square miles with an additional designated urban growth area of approximately 925 acres or 1.44 square miles.

Below Sumner are many feet of Pleistocene Epoch glacial deposits of sands, gravels and clay lenses. After repeated glacial retreats and melts, the valley in which Sumner sits became an open water fjord, reaching to present-day Orting.



Approximately 33 miles southeast of Sumner, Mount Rainier, at more than 14,410 feet, shaped this land beyond its role as a recreational icon. This active volcano filled the valleys with repeated eruptions and resulting lahars (mudflows), most significantly the Osceola Mudflow.

These lahars, still a possibility today, deposited silt into the valleys. Today, Sumner is framed by steep slopes with elevations rising sharply from 70 feet at the valley floor to 500+ feet to the west of Sumner and 600-700 feet on the east side.



HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT

This land was home to the Coast Salish tribes with this area the traditional homeland of the Puyallup Tribe and the Muckleshoot Tribe. The silt from lahars formed fertile farmland that attracted European settlers across the Oregon Trail. Agricultural industries over the years have grown hops, berries, daffodils and rhubarb.

The city began developing around Main Street in the historic downtown core in the 1880s. The Northern Pacific railway was finally convinced to stop in Sumner and commercial and residential development radiated from the station. Sumner remained quite small for a number of years, growing with residential to the east of Valley Avenue and later, commercial industrial to the north. While some farmland remains south of the City, within the city limits, most of the land is developed with limited availability remaining for additional parks and trails.

CLIMATE PROFILE

The Puget Sound region, including Sumner, experiences weather often called “Modified Mediterranean.” This pattern is a maritime climate of mild, wet winters and relatively cool, dry summers. The rainy season runs late October through late February with a second, shorter rainy season from early May to early June. Drier weather dominates the summer until September brings cooler temperatures until November when winter arrives.

The average precipitation is 38.3 inches/year and the average temperature is 50.8 degrees F. As with other areas, Sumner is experiencing more extreme weather patterns over time. Traditionally threatened by flooding and lahars, wildfire has now become a more common threat.

DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

Incorporated in 1891, Sumner had 531 residents in the 1900 Census. According to the 2022 Census, the population has grown to 10,585 residents, making Sumner the 124th most populated city in Washington. All statistics below are based on the 2022 Census data. For more up-to-date statistics, visit www.sumnerwa.gov/statistics.

RACE AND ETHNICITY

In 2022, 79.9% of Sumner was White, 18% Hispanic, 10.9% two or more races, 1.6% American Indian, 1.1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 1% Asian and 0.8% Black.

AGE AND GENDER

In Sumner, 56.4% of residents are between the ages of 19 and 64. The median age is 35.8 years while Washington State's median is 37.7. Gender in Sumner is 48.7% male and 51.4% female.

HOUSING & HOUSEHOLDS

Half of the housing units are owner-occupied with a median value of \$442,800. With 4,413 households, the average household contains 2.39 persons.

INCOME

In 2021, the median household income was \$77,601, which is less than the average in Pierce County (\$85,823) and King County (\$99,158). Approximately 6.5% of Sumner families live in poverty, based on the 2021 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

EDUCATION

Most residents (91.3%) have a high school diploma with 24.2% having a bachelor's degree or higher.

COMMUTERS

A variety of commuters pass through Sumner each day. People who live in Sumner typically commute out of the city for jobs in Seattle, Tacoma and other areas in Puget Sound. Conversely, Sumner's Manufacturing Industrial Center (MIC) houses over 17,000 jobs with most employees commuting into the city.

The original Northern Pacific railway station in downtown Sumner is now a Sound Transit station. Residents from Bonney Lake, Orting, Buckley, Tehaleh, unincorporated Pierce County, and even portions of Puyallup drive through Sumner, either to catch a commuter train or to continue to other areas of employment.

Ridership at the Sumner Sounder Station includes residents from Bonney Lake, Orting, Buckley, and unincorporated Pierce County. As of 2022, average annual daily traffic counts on SR 167 through Sumner were over 91,000. In addition, the nature of the MIC means thousands of long-haul and short-haul deliveries come through Sumner, often seeking amenities to rest, relax and take a break.

LAND-USE CONTEXT

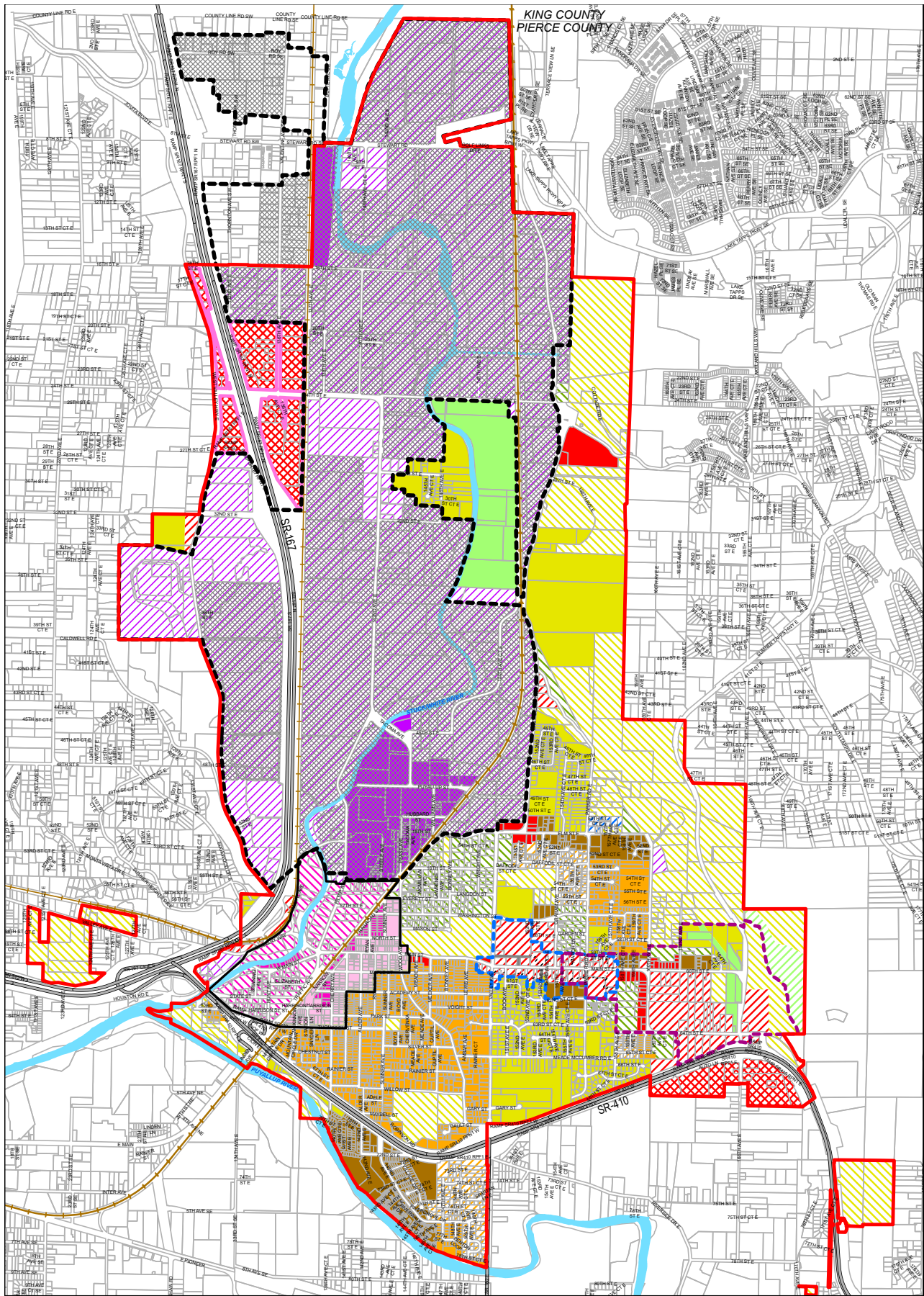
Residential neighborhoods dominate the southern portion of the city with a classic downtown surrounding Main Street and neighborhoods with housing, churches and schools radiating from there. Sumner's Housing Action Plan further outlines housing options which were dominated by single-family homes and are now transitioning to more multi-family options.

The northern portion of the City is the largest Manufacturing Industrial Center in Pierce County with major manufacturing and distribution for companies including Amazon.com, Helly Hansen, REI, Dillanos Coffee, Belmont Cabinets, Costco and more with an estimated 17,000 employees working in that area and an estimated 6,000 trucks accessing the warehouses daily. In Sumner, State highways SR 167, SR 512, SR 162 and SR 410 meet, carrying large amount of vehicles on each route as well as on Sumner's surface streets as "cut-through" traffic. The City also includes regional services such as the Gordon Family YMCA, the largest in the state, and the Sound Transit commuter rail station. Sumner's Urban Growth Area (UGA) includes 925 acres of land that could be incorporated into Sumner in the future, most of it residential.

ZONING DISTRICTS AND SUBAREA PLANS

The City of Sumner is made up of a variety of land use and zoning classifications and includes three subarea plans in the Manufacturing/Industrial Area, Town Center and East Sumner. The Industrial Zone is the largest in the City with almost half of the total area within that zone. The next largest are residentially zoned properties, with about 1/3 of the city in Low Density Residential which is primarily single-family homes. Finally, the commercial zones, that are further divided between interchange and freeway commercial zones, general commercial zones, and "mixed-use" zones which are a combination of commercial on the ground floor and residential on floors above.

Zone Type	Acres	Percent
Low Density Residential	1418	34.0%
Medium Density Residential	117	2.8%
High Density Residential	109	2.6%
Commercial/Mixed Use	440	10.6%
Industrial	1985	47.7%
Resource Protection	97	2.3%
Total	4165	



City of Sumner
Zoning Map
 Adopted: 02-15-2023
 Ordinance: #2832
 Plotted: 06-01-2023

Disclaimer:
 Map features are approximate only. The City of Sumner does not guarantee the accuracy of this map nor assume any liability from the use of or reliance on the information herein.



Scale: 0 0.25 0.5 Miles

- ZONING AMENDMENTS/OVERLAYS:**
- Cross-Access Corridors/Combined Driveways (dedeeds)
 - Cross-Access Corridors/Combined Driveways (not dedeeds)
 - East Main St Design Strategy Area
 - East Sumner Neighborhood
 - MIC Zone
 - MIC Core Overlay
 - Town Center Area
 - Truck Parking Overlay
- TOWN CENTER ZONING:**
- 3 Stories, Single Family/Multi-Family
 - 4 Stories, Multi-Family/Commercial
 - 5 Stories, Multi-Family/Commercial
 - 6 Stories, Multi-Family/Commercial

- ZONING DESIGNATIONS:**
- General Commercial
 - Interchange Commercial
 - Neighborhood Commercial
 - Heavy Industrial
 - Light Industrial
 - Resource Protection
 - Residential Protection
 - High Density Residential
 - Medium Density Residential
 - Low Density Residential 12000
 - Low Density Residential 8500
 - Low Density Residential 7200
 - Low Density Residential 6000
 - Low Density Residential 4000
 - Sumner City Limits
 - Parcels

The following are more detailed descriptions of specific areas of the City and the Urban Growth Area (UGA).

NORTH PORTION

The North Portion of the city is mostly comprised of the Sumner-Pacific MIC, which is zoned predominantly Light Industrial with some areas of Heavy Industrial. Areas of the North Portion outside of the MIC are zoned Light Industrial, Interchange Commercial, Low Density Residential, and Resource Protection.



EAST PORTION

In the East Sumner neighborhood, zoning is predominantly General Commercial and Medium Density Residential. Outside of the East Sumner neighborhood in the East Portion are mostly Low Density Residential, with some areas of Medium and High Density Residential, Neighborhood Commercial, and General Commercial. In the area immediately south of East Sumner and south of 410, there is also Interchange Commercial zoning.



SOUTH PORTION

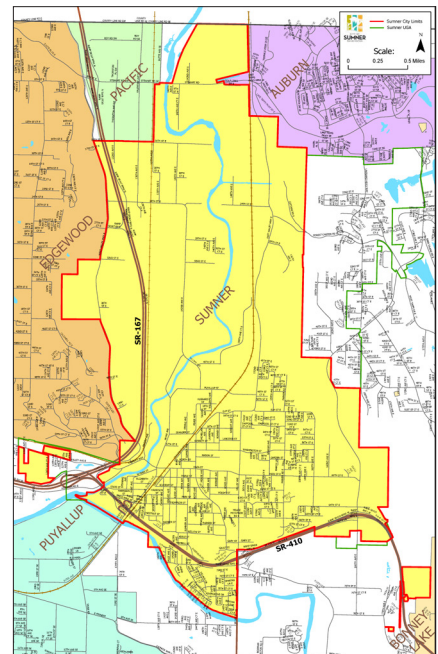
The South Portion is zoned Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential.

WEST PORTION

The West Portion includes the Town Center, which is zoned for mixed residential and commercial from up to three to six stories. Outside of Town Center, the West Portion includes mostly Low Density Residential zoning with some areas of Medium Density Residential and General Commercial.

SUMNER UGA

Unincorporated UGA zoning (shown in map at right as outside the red city limits but inside the green UGA boundary) is determined by Pierce County. The portion of the UGA to the east of the City (towards Lake Tapps) is zoned Moderate Density Single Family, with a small area of Public Institutional zoning where there is Puget Sound Energy utilities infrastructure. The portion of the UGA to the south off of 166th Avenue East is zoned Community Center. The portion to the west is zoned Employment Center and Moderate Density Single Family.



PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The general term “park” includes a wide array of purposes, audiences and styles. A classification system helps organize and define parks based on their size, ecological importance, recreational opportunities, historical or cultural significance, placemaking potential, economic development and conservation/climate resiliency goals. The criteria used here are built on the same premise used by Washington State Parks and RCO. Classifications help a community identify and provide the best mix of built and natural environments to serve multiple needs.

The following six classifications are typical for municipalities of Sumner’s size.

NEIGHBORHOOD OR LOCAL PARK

**In Sumner: Loyalty Park, Seibenthaler Park, Rainier View Park
Bennett Property and Qunell Family Park (currently undeveloped)**

This classification captures the traditional “park” of 2-5 acres within neighborhoods that are designed for unstructured play, limited active and passive recreation.

COMMUNITY PARK

In Sumner: Bill Heath Sports Complex

These are larger sites focusing on organized play with a wider array of facilities that appeal to more diverse audiences. Generally 20-50 acres in size, they serve a broader geographic area.

NATURAL AREAS & GREENSPACES

In Sumner: Two-Rivers Point, shoreline areas along rivers

These areas preserved to protect native habitat and biodiversity, including riparian corridors and wetlands. Low-impact activities are allowed including walking, bird-watching and fishing (if appropriate). Please note: this does not include the 200+ acres of the White River Restoration Projects since those areas will be closed to public access.

TRAILS, BIKEWAYS & PATHWAYS

In Sumner: Sumner Link Trail, Academy Street

This classification includes trails as a non-motorized network that may be used for transportation and/or recreation. Typically, a 5’ wide separated path offers options for walking, jogging, running, bicycling and horse-back riding. Bikeways are slightly different in that their focus is on safe non-motorized transportation, such as a bike lane adjacent to a roadway. Pathways are smaller paths that usually connect to the more formal trail system.

SPECIAL FACILITIES

In Sumner: Reuben Knoblach Heritage Park, Lucy V. Ryan Park

This classification captures a wide range of facilities designed for very specific purposes, whether a display garden, aquatic center, public plaza or community center. Depending on design and purpose, these facilities may be focused on a specific role or take on more of an event space/tourism development aspect, especially in a historical or cultural context.

POCKET PARKS, MINI-PARKS, TOT LOTS

In Sumner: Rhubarb Alley, Dining Parklet, Pocket Park off 45th St (currently unnamed), Hops Alley (undeveloped)

This classification captures smaller green spaces designed for visual appeal or a very limited purpose such as seating or child play. Under 1 acre in size, they are often more of an enhancement than a destination, adding greenery and outdoor space where it's least expected.



While these six classifications focus on a park's size and purpose, any system should assess how each park provides a unique mix of the following values:

- Physical & Mental Health
- Ecological Diversity
- Cultural & Historic Significance
- Tourism/Placemaking
- Educational and Interpretive Benefits
- Research and Conservation Planning

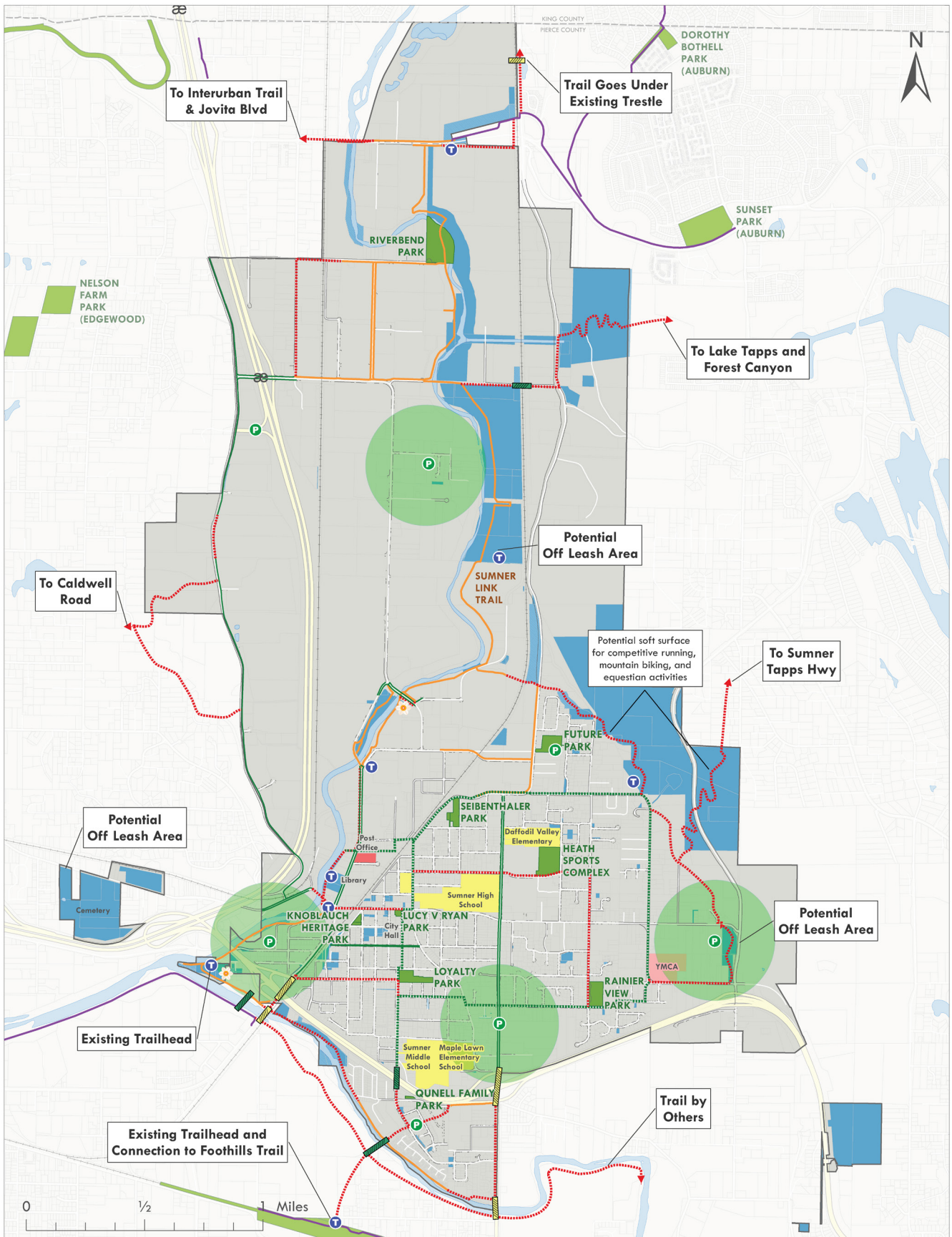
RECREATION PROGRAMS

Currently, the City of Bonney Lake operates recreation programs for residents within the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. The Gordon Family YMCA offers a wide range of recreational programs, some of which are confined to paid membership and some of which are open to the public. The City of Sumner contracts with Stafford Suites to operate the Sumner Senior Center, which offers services, meals, activities and events.

EXISTING PLAN REVIEW

This plan is an update to the City of Sumner Parks & Trails plan adopted in 2018. Other plans and goal-setting documents that inform/coincide with topics in this plan include

- City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan
- City of Sumner Transportation Management Plan
- City of Sumner & City of Bonney Lake Housing Action Plan
- City of Sumner Biennial Budget
- Main Street Vision
- Sumner Tourism Master Plan
- Master Plan: Seibenthaler Park & Bennett Property
- Master Plan: Heritage Park Redesign and Hops Alley Activation



LEGEND

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Proposed Trailhead | Proposed Bike Trail | Other Park or Open Space | Interstate / Highway |
| Proposed Park | Existing Trail | School Land | Railroad |
| 1/4 Mile Park Buffer | Existing Bike Lane | Federal | Body of water |
| Existing Connection | Existing Trail (Other Agency) | Other Recreation | Parklet |
| New Connection | Existing Park | Summer City Limits | |
| Proposed Trail | Local Ownership | Sidewalks | |



Note: Trail and bridge locations are preliminary and subject to environmental and engineering vetting, and the locations may change.

ALLEY ACTIVATIONS



 Current alley activations (exists or in design)

 Future alley activations--City owns some, not all, right of way



RAINIER VIEW PARK

Fun, varied local park often used by many in the community including unique areas with mosaic artwork, views of Mount Rainier, and lots of fun amenities for all ages.

Opened in 2007, this park used the input from over 200 participants from Maple Lawn Elementary, Senior Center, Community Summit, and residents to inspire its design.

Address	15603 Meade McCumber Rd	Key Features	• Mosaic artwork • Inclusive playground • Covered picnic shelter • Walking path
Classification	Local Park		
Size	3.9 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.5		
Recent Changes	2024 – Install covered court (RCO funds, LCP funds, City funds) 2024—Install Portland Loo (City ARPA funds) 2024—Install inclusive playground with dual ziplines (Parks Impact Fees & Playground Replacement Fund)		



LOYALTY PARK

Sumner’s oldest park is still its most popular. This park’s tree canopy and casual nature make it a hit for book clubs, birthday parties, or simply a dry day.

Once part of the L. F. Thompson farm, after the hops blight, Thompson donated the land to the City. “City Park” sat undeveloped until 1914, when the Women’s Civic Club of Sumner organized to make the park a reality. Its name was changed to “Loyalty Park” in 1970.

Address	1300 Park Street	Key Features	• Inclusive playground • Tree canopy • Basketball/pickleball court • Horseshoes
Classification	Local Park		
Size	3.3 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.75		
Recent Changes	2021—Install inclusive playground (Parks impact fees & Playground Replacement Fund) 2022—Install Henry mural, technically adjacent to park (City/Arts Commission funds) 2023—Install Portland Loo (City ARPA funds)		



REUBEN A. KNOBLAUCH HERITAGE PARK

Called “Heritage Park” for short, this downtown park serves as the town center. State Senator Knoblauch willed funds to start this park while donations from individuals, families and businesses helped build the park in 1995-96.

The space is primarily used only during festivals and programmed events, leaving room for improvement as an ongoing gathering place that better serves residents, visitors and surrounding businesses. Part of the Main Street Vision, the developing redesign builds in more intentional daily uses including seating, a small playground and a pavilion.

Address	914 Kincaid Avenue	Key Features	• Central location • Built-in sound system • Amphitheater-style hill
Classification	Special Facility		
Size	0.74 acres		
Status	Existing, renovations pending		
Assessment Rating	3.5		
Recent Changes	2020-21 Main Street Vision process (City General Fund) 2021 Purchase of 902 Kincaid completes block for park 2023 Paving of woonerf plaza (Sumner Utilities, Pierce Co ARPA) 2023 Initial concept redesign (Sumner Lodging Tax) 2024 Complete redesign (Pierce Co Lodging Tax)		



LUCY V. RYAN PARK

The Ryan Family donated this land to the City in 1926 in honor of their mother, who loved plants, gardens and horticulture. The house served as the library for 50 years and the historic museum another 40+ years. In 2023, a planned renovation found the house to be lacking major structural support with rebuilding outstripping funding. The City is following the original deed to redevelop as a full park. A form of artwork/signage will commemorate Lucy V. Ryan and the house.

Address	1228 Main Street	Key Features	• Central location • Deed restrictions
Classification	Special Facility		
Size	0.4 acres		
Status	Existing, changes pending		
Assessment Rating	3.25		
Recent Changes	2019-2023 Anticipated house rehabilitation 2023 Major structural issues found in house, unsafe structure 2024 Demolition of house and initial park design		



BILL HEATH SPORTS COMPLEX

Dedicated in 1998, Bill Heath spearheaded a 10-year campaign that was led by Sumner Rotary and included over 1800 contributors from the region. What most view as one complex is actually adjacent land with the north portion owned and managed by the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District (SBLSD) and the south portion managed by the City of Sumner.

Address	5604 Graham Ave.	Key Features	• Sk8 Park • Ball fields • Volleyball courts • Tennis/pickleball • Concession stand
Classification	Regional		
Size	7 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.75		
Recent Changes	Tennis courts restriped to include pickleball		



SEIBENTHALER PARK

Established in 1945, this neighborhood park was named in honor of a local Boy Scout leader and developed for \$6000. This large park remains underused due to some original design challenges including lack of shade and poor field drainage. An updated master plan outlines new and improved features sought by the surrounding community and users as soon as funding is available.

Address	1602 Bonney Avenue	Key Features	• Playground • Large field • Pop-up dog park (temporary)
Classification	Local Park		
Size	2.62 acres		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4.25		
Recent Changes	2022 – Master redesign finished		



BENNETT PROPERTY

The 2018 Parks and Trail Plan update identified the lack of park facilities for residents on Sumner’s northern-most areas. The City bought this parcel of land from then owners Christopher and Gloria Bennett. Funding from Pierce County Conveservation Futures allowed the City to purchase the land in 2020. The City has developed an initial plan for development that includes two additional points of entry from recently acquired properties. .

Address	4811 East Valley Hwy	Key Features	• None yet
Classification	Local Park		
Size	4.21 acres		
Status	Undeveloped		
Assessment Rating	I		
Recent Changes	This park awaits funding for final design and development.		
	An additional parcel added future access points/better pedestrian access.		



QUNELL FAMILY PARK

With nearly 1,000 residents, or 10% of the population, living in the Rivergrove neighborhood, the City realized these neighborhoods were cut off from easily accessing services, including parks, by SR 410 freeway. While the City pursues a pedestrian bridge over SR 410, it also sought a way to include a park within the Rivergrove area itself. In 2021, the Qunell family generously donated this parcel for a local park.

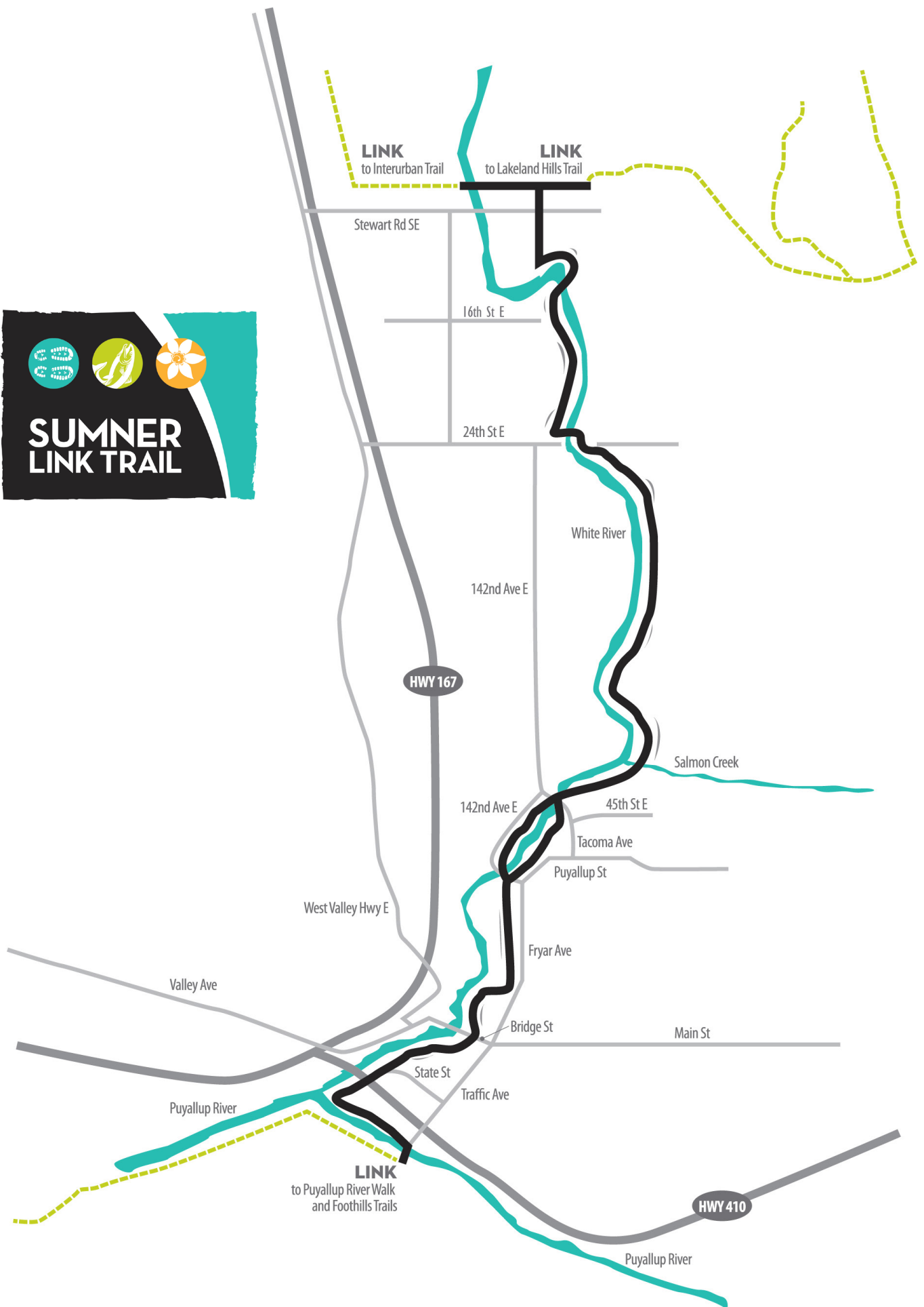
Address	14324 72nd St E (Adjacent Property)	Key Features	• None yet
Classification	Local Park		
Size	0.25 acres		
Status	Undeveloped		
Assessment Rating	I		
Recent Changes	This park awaits funding for final design and development.		



SUMNER LINK TRAIL

Officially opened in 2014, the Sumner Link Trail provides a beautiful, paved walking, biking trail that is used for both commuting and recreation. Largely following the White River, it offers views of Mt Rainier, streams with spawning salmon and surprisingly natural overlooks tucked behind residential and industrial areas. The section along Fryar Avenue is funded for a fully separated trail. Future sections outside the City of Sumner to the north and south will connect this trail regionally to the Interurban and Lakeland Hills trails as well as to the Foothills trail.

Address	N/A	Key Features	• Trailheads with restrooms • Gateway arches • Natural views • Access to fishing (Puyallup River only)
Classification	Trails, Bikeways & Pathways		
Size	5.1 miles		
Status	Existing		
Assessment Rating	4		
Recent Changes	2024 – Complete separated trail on Fryar Ave (State funding) 2024-25—Move northern section of trail for White River Restoration habitat project		



SECTION 2

PUBLIC INPUT



With every plan update, the City takes this opportunity to listen to residents, businesses, park users, and any other stakeholders who care about Sumner’s parks and amenities.

ENGAGEMENT GOALS

1. Reach a diverse audience and balance feedback.

Diversity includes people representing a wide range of demographics as well as residential location and kind of park user, including people who don’t currently use the system at all. No one person will see “their” ideas specifically reflected here because this plan encompasses the needs and wishes of thousands of stakeholders and potential users. Feedback and outreach are done at the beginning in order to balance and synthesize various and sometimes even competing needs.

2. Respect people’s time.

The best way to reach a wide range of people is to make the feedback convenient to give. This means using a variety of tools, ranging from online mapping comments to pop-ups in the park to QR codes at each park, allowing people to add comments when convenient to them.

3. Give options for both broad and specific feedback.

To get accurate feedback, some people need very specific questions to which they respond. Others need very general questions. Feedback for this updated plan used both methods.

PARKS PLAN UPDATE PROJECT PAGE

TOTAL
VISITS

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TOTAL
VISITORS

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INFORMED
VISITORS

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69.9%

ENGAGED
VISITORS

300

43.9%

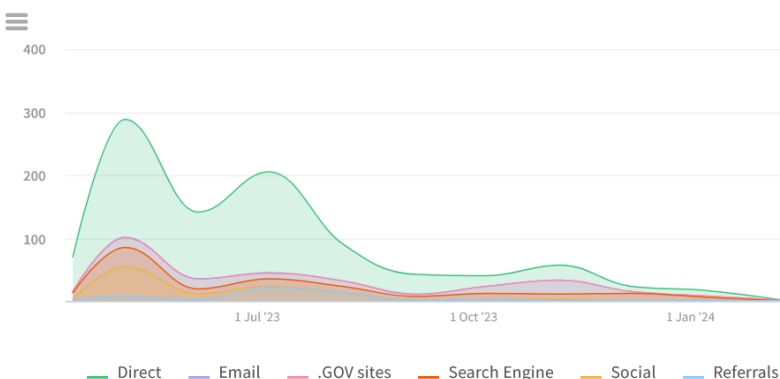
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Total visitors means unique visitors to page who are at least aware of the project.

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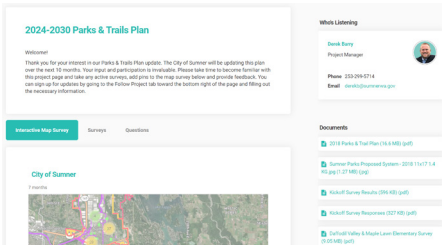
Visits by Channel



TRAFFIC CHANNEL	AWARE VISITS	INFORMED VISITS(%)	ENGAGED VISITS(%)
DIRECT	656	396 (60.4%)	260 (39.6%)
EMAIL	3	2 (66.7%)	2 (66.7%)
.GOV SITES	93	67 (72%)	4 (4.3%)
SEARCH ENGINE	113	81 (71.7%)	19 (16.8%)
SOCIAL	61	29 (47.5%)	16 (26.2%)
REFERRALS	49	18 (36.7%)	6 (12.2%)

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS & OPPORTUNITIES

SUMNER CONNECTS PROJECT PAGE with documents, events, surveys, mapping surveys & a space to ask questions*



FORMAL KICK-OFF SURVEY shared on-line, on social media and via signs in parks with a QR code*

4. What is your household size? *

☐ 1-2 People
☐ 3-4 People
☐ 5-6 People
☐ 7+ People

5. How Frequently do you use the City of Sumner Parks and Trails? *

Loyalty Park
☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Semi-yearly ☐ Yearly ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

Rainier View Park
☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Semi-yearly ☐ Yearly ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

BOOTH AT TWO OPEN HOUSES where staff/consultants shared information and gained feedback



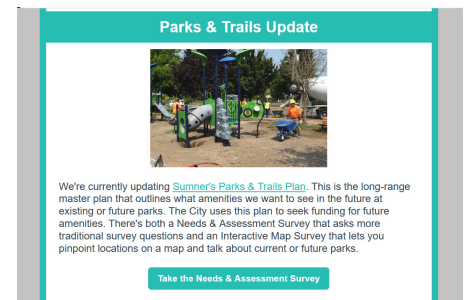
JULY "POP-UPS IN THE PARK" offered users popsicles and ice-cream bars plus casual, direct feedback



IN THE CITY'S PRINT NEWSLETTER that drops in every mailbox with copies at the library, food bank & visitor center



IN WEEKLY E-MAILED NEWSLETTER that goes to over 1,000 subscribers with an average 50% open rate each week



SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA including X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook*



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS included reminders, airing on Pierce County TV and streaming live/archived on YouTube



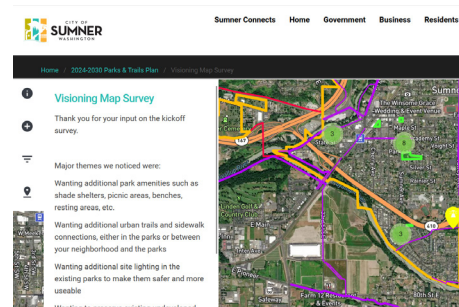
SIGNS IN EACH PARK with a QR code for open feedback specifically for each particular park & the trail



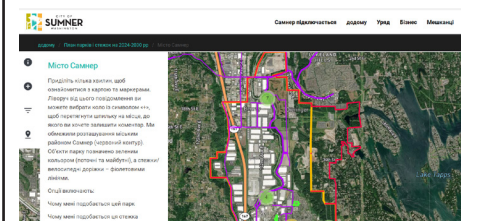
GENERAL FEEDBACK provided at the Senior Center, Youth Forums (students), and Community Summit



MAPPING SURVEY on project page that encouraged open suggestions by location*



***TRANSLATIONS:** online project page & mapping survey offers translation into multiple languages. Social media and other web-based surveys can be used in other languages based on the user's settings.



FEEDBACK

KICK-OFF SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

100 responses

Full report of responses/demographics in the appendix.

Most used parks/amenities in Sumner:

1. Loyalty Park
2. Rainier View Park
3. Sumner Link Trail
4. Heath Sports Complex
5. Heritage Park
6. Seibenthaler Park
7. Lucy V. Ryan Park (then “Ryan House”)
8. Sk8 Park (closed at the time of the surveys)

Type of facilities most used in Sumner:

1. Walking/biking path (79%)
2. Nature/Open Space (58%)
3. Play structures (48%)
4. Picnic/shade shelters (25%)
5. Jogging/Running (25%)

Type of facilities sought outside Sumner:

1. Walking/biking path (69%)
2. Spray park/swimming pool (49%)
3. Off-leash dog park (31%)
4. Climbing wall (27%)
5. Indoor recreation (23%)

Barriers for using Sumner facilities:

1. Needs restrooms (34%)
2. Security/safety (30%)
3. Lack of pedestrian connectivity (29%)
4. Lack of amenities (24%)
5. Unsure what’s available (23%)

Sumner needs more (top answers):

1. Splash/spray park (71)
2. Picnic area/shade structures (70)
3. Lighting (69)
4. Urban trails/sidewalks (64)
5. Indoor recreation (62)
6. Natural areas/open space (62)



MAPPING SURVEY 1

103 visitors viewed the map, 12 contributor submitted 44 comments.

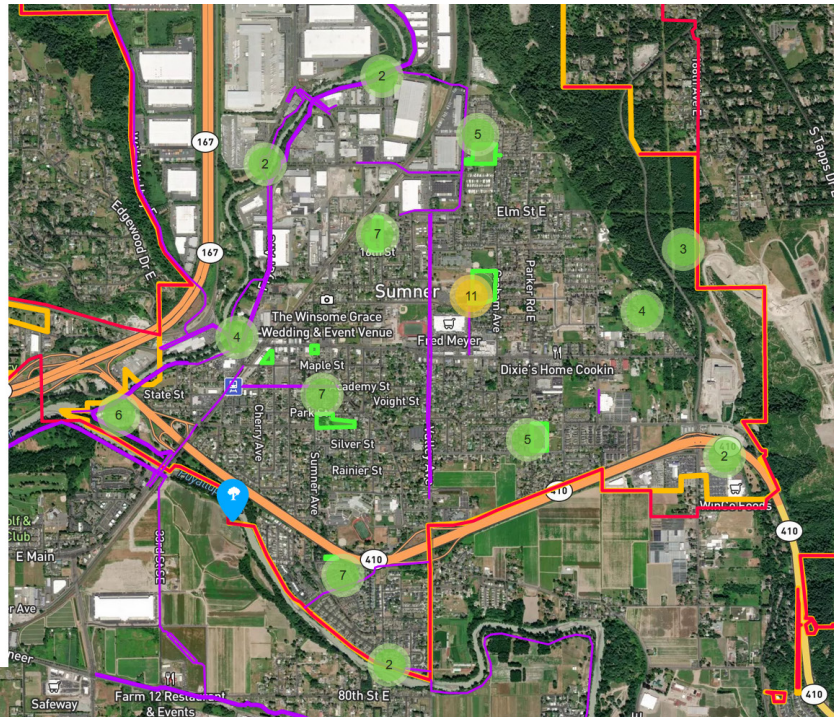
Map shown here for illustrative purpose. See appendix for all comments submitted.

City of Sumner

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the map and pins. On the left of this message you can select the circle with the "+" symbol to drag and drop the pin on the location you'd like to make a comment on. We have limited the location to the urban growth area of Sumner (red outline). Park facilities are outlined in green (current & future) and trails/bike lanes are purple lines.

Options include:

- Why I like this park
- Why I like this trail
- What this park is missing
- What this trail is missing
- A new park should go here
- A new trail should go here



MAPPING SURVEY 2

141 visitors viewed the map, 13 contributor submitted 75 comments.

Map shown here for illustrative purpose. See appendix for all comments submitted.

Visioning Map Survey

Thank you for your input on the kickoff survey.

Major themes we noticed were:

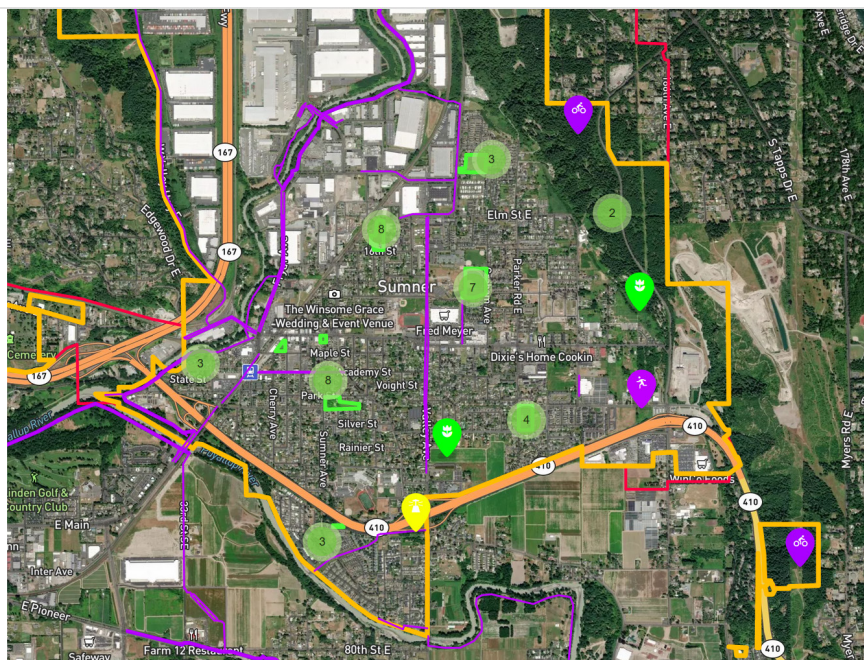
Wanting additional park amenities such as shade shelters, picnic areas, benches, resting areas, etc.

Wanting additional urban trails and sidewalk connections, either in the parks or between your neighborhood and the parks

Wanting additional site lighting in the existing parks to make them safer and more useable

Wanting to preserve existing undeveloped natural areas and open space?

For this next phase of the survey, we would like your ideas on where these improvements could happen. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the map and add your comments/suggestions.



INDIVIDUAL PARK FEEDBACK

Each park and the trail, had a short survey that simply asked

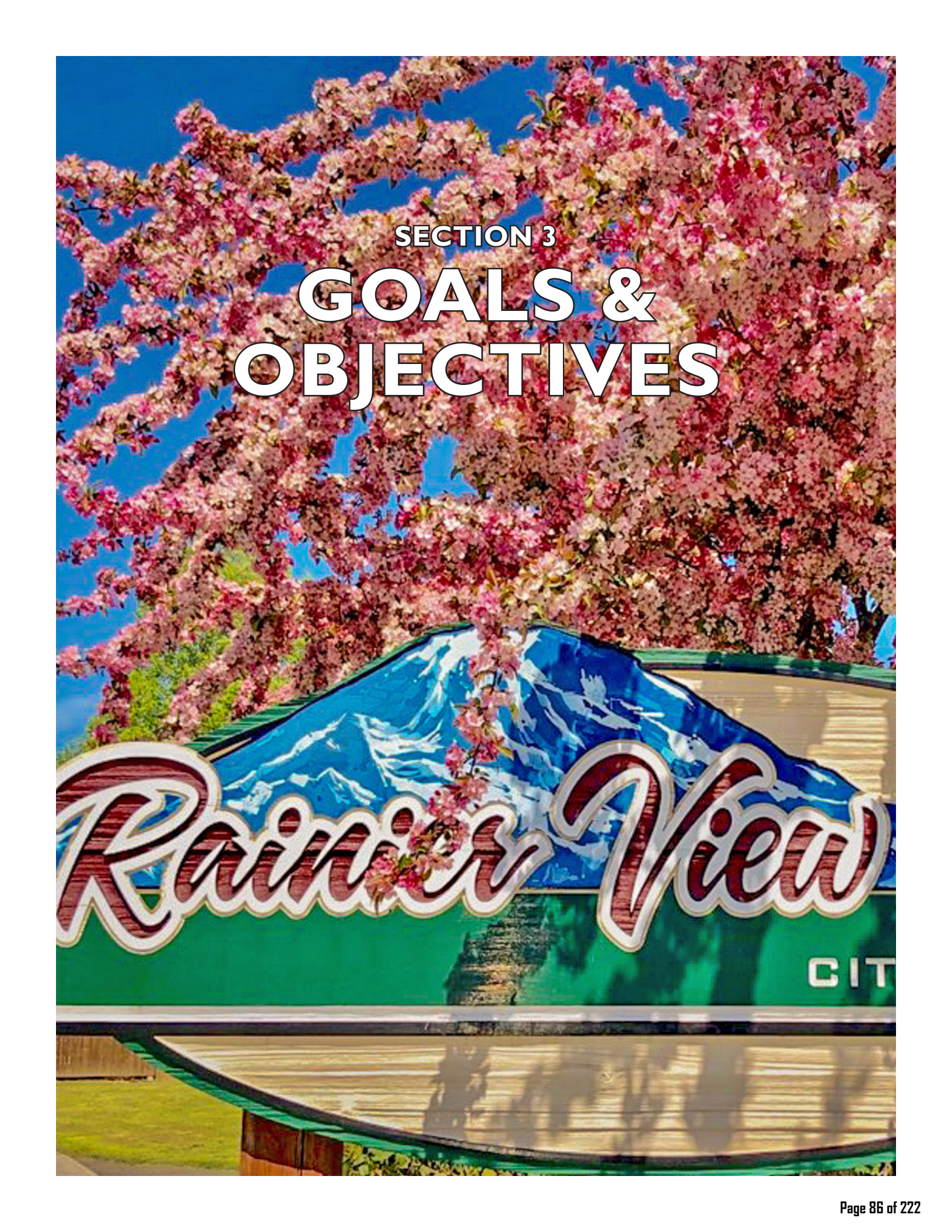
“I love this park because...”

“What this park really needs is...”

All responses are in the appendix.

Park	Visitors to Page	Contributions
Heath Sports Complex	33	15
Heritage Park	12	6
Loyalty Park	57	39
Rainier View Park	61	44
Seibenthaler Park	22	18
Sumner Link Trail	82	74
	267	196





SECTION 3

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

From history, analysis of current facilities and feedback, this plan next establishes broad goals for the next six years. These goals and objectives carry across all parks, trails and open space and speak to ongoing service rather than construction projects, although there is some natural overlap. Later, the plan will further explore specific capital needs within each park.

GOAL I

Ensure facilities are safe and comfortable for a wide range of users.

OBJECTIVE 1.1 – PROVIDE AMENITIES PEOPLE NEED

1.1.1 Restrooms

1.1.2 Parking

- Further develop trailheads
- Add parking improvements, including ADA options
- EV charging/parking

1.1.3 Accessibility

- Inclusive playgrounds and amenities

1.1.4 Weather

- Covered court & shade structures
- Spray park

OBJECTIVE 1.2 – MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR SAFETY

1.2.1 Playgrounds

1.2.2 Vandalism prevention

1.2.3 Industry safety standards

OBJECTIVE 1.3 – KEEP SPACES COMFORTABLE & INVITING

1.3.1 Lighting

1.3.2 Landscape features

1.3.3 Maintenance levels of service/standards

1.3.4 Develop consistent and sufficient placemaking and wayfinding signage (Tourism Plan)

GOAL 2

Foster spaces that are attractive and inviting, balancing a variety of needs and uses.

OBJECTIVE 2.1-PROVIDE SPACES FOR EXERCISE AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

- 2.1.1 Paths/trails for walking/jogging
- 2.1.2 Diversify courts for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and tennis.
- 2.1.3 Fix drainage issues to increase availability of fields for soccer, football, lacrosse & other sports as well as passive use.

OBJECTIVE 2.2-PROVIDE SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE NATURE

- 2.2.1 Construction/maintenance of Sumner Link Trail
- 2.2.2 Find places in new park designs to incorporate nature, potential Tribal horticulture.
- 2.2.3 Continue nursery to replace lost trees with mature trees.
- 2.2.4 Find strategies to protect White River Restoration habitat areas from unauthorized use.

OBJECTIVE 2.3-PROVIDE SPACES TO BUILD COMMUNITY

- 2.3.1 Strategies to foster individuals using spaces together
 - New seating
 - Create informal yard game areas
 - Off-leash dog park
- 2.3.2 Strategies to foster personal meetings/celebrations (i.e. birthday parties)
 - Move gazebo to...
 - Possible purchase of Rotary Scout Hall
 - Heritage Park building
 - Evaluate reservation system
 - Update Senior Center fixtures/explore expanded use
- 2.3.3 Strategies to foster/support community events
 - Resign Heritage Park—new stage area & building
 - Activate Hops Alley

OBJECTIVE 2.4-PROVIDE SPACES THAT FOSTER ART AND CULTURE

- 2.4.1 Develop unique pocket parks and plazas with Sumner-specific murals and programming (Tourism Plan)
- 2.4.2 Redesign Heritage Park stage for better entertainment options
- 2.4.3 Include acoustical design in new event spaces for maximum uses

GOAL 3

Integrate and connect parks, trails and open spaces with various users for easy access.

OBJECTIVE 3.1—BIKING ROUTES FOR RECREATION/TRANSPORTATION

- 3.1.1 Develop bike lanes to encourage non-vehicular transportation and links (TMP, Tourism Plan)
- 3.1.2 Promote bike trails linking downtown and industrial area (Tourism Plan)
- 3.1.3 Complete Rivergrove Pedetrian Bridge to reconnect Rivergrove to amenities (TMP)
- 3.1.4 Complete bridge over Puyallup River to connect Sumner/Rivergrove to regional system
- 3.1.5 Work with region to further connect and promote regional trail system

OBJECTIVE 3.2—PARKING ACCESS

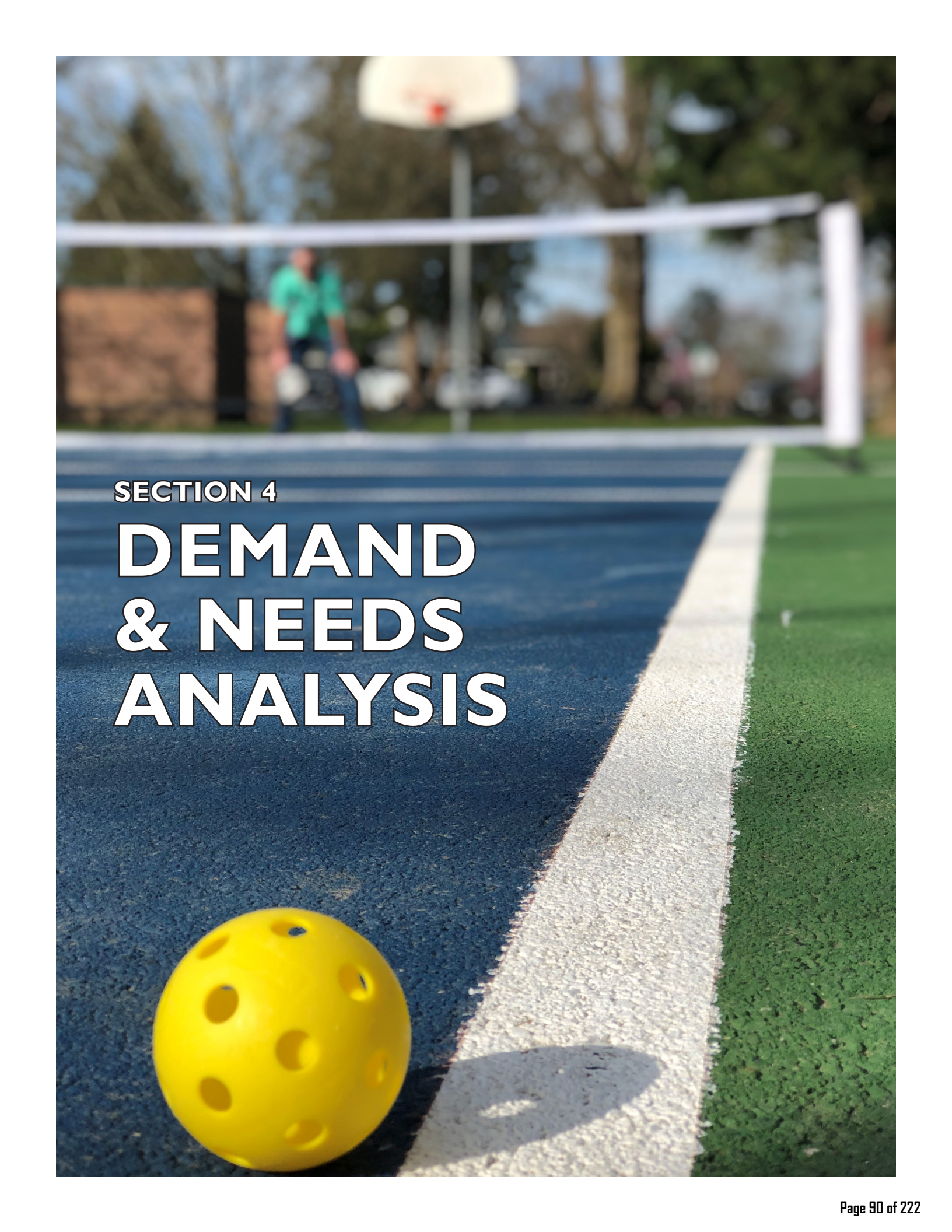
- 3.2.1 Explore the parking needs and options to access the trail and future trailhead locations
- 3.2.2 Improve parking access/safety
- 3.2.3 Continue alley activations to improve safety, experience of downtown parking.

OBJECTIVE 3.3—PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

- 3.3.1 Activate alleys to balance pedestrian access from Main Street.
- 3.3.2 Complete Rivergrove Pedetrian Bridge to reconnect Rivergrove to amenities (TIP)

OBJECTIVE 3.4—ADA, SENIOR ACCESS

- 3.4.1 Blend of improvements for ADA and senior access.

A photograph of an outdoor pickleball court. In the foreground, a yellow pickleball with multiple holes sits on the blue court surface. A white line runs diagonally from the bottom right towards the center. To the right of the line is green artificial turf. In the background, a white net is strung across the court, and a person in a green shirt is visible on the other side. A basketball hoop is also visible in the far background.

SECTION 4

DEMAND & NEEDS ANALYSIS

Now that this plan has explored feedback and established broad goals and objectives, this section analyzes current and future demand in order to assess the park system’s needs for the next 6-10 years while also looking ahead to the next 15-20 years. Needs include both preservation of existing assets while addressing population forecasts and shifting priorities.

QUANTIFICATION/QUALIFICATION

This section uses quantitative metrics including traditional levels-of-service metrics and information from the National Recreation and Park Association’s (NRPA) guidelines and online Park Metrics database. However, what is harder to capture in a report like this is the qualitative aspects of services and spaces. For example, feedback and experience show that Sumner’s Loyalty Park is one of the most loved and used parks in the system, yet it’s also the oldest with few “modern” amenities and attractions. When planning future improvements, the qualitative feedback shown in the simple answers to “I love this park because...” should be taken into account along with data metrics.

LEVEL-OF-SERVICE

NRPA sets national guidelines as a broad metric for comparison but encourages communities to set their own service level standards based on local goals, priorities and conditions. Sumner’s standards are listed below as well as Pierce County’s as established by the County’s similar parks plan.

Pierce County Levels of Service Standards	
Facility Type	Target (per 1,000 residents)
Developed Park	6.7 acres
Open Space Area	7.5 acres
Trail/Walking Path	0.11 miles
Sports Courts & Fields	0.2 facilities

City of Sumner Levels of Service Standards	
Facility Type	Target (per 1,000 residents)
Developed Park	5.8 acres
Open Space Area	4.1 acres
Max. walk to a park	10 minutes

RECREATION TRENDS

Residents and visitors highly value recreation on the state-wide level for a variety of reasons. From a long-haul trucker needing to stretch their legs to a work-from-home employee who seeks connection during a lunch break, recreation spaces promote mental and physical wellbeing, creativity, connection, community and artistry. Key spaces also drive tourism, further supporting local restaurants, stores and services.

Top 20 Recreation Activities in Washington State*	
Activity	% of participants
Walking or Using Mobility Device on Roads or Sidewalks	91%
Wildlife & Nature Viewing	90%
Scenic Driving (Sightseeing)	85%
Hanging Out	70%
Picnic, Barbecue or Cookout	68%
Community Garden or Farmer's Market	66%
Visiting Outdoor Cultural or Historic Facility	62%
Swimming in Natural Settings	61%
Paddle Sports (whitewater, canoes, kayaks, SUP, rowing)	52%
Outdoor Concert or Special Event	49%
Gathering or Collecting Anything in Nature	49%
Tent Camping (developed campground)	44%
Backpacking	42%
Playground	41%
Tent Camping (undeveloped area)	41%
Road cycling	40%
Yard games (beanbag toss, horseshoes, etc.)	38%
Volunteering (restoration projects, citizen science, etc.)	37%
Jogging or running on roads or sidewalks	35%
Snowshoeing	35%

Source: Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office, [2023 Recreation & Conservation Plan](#)

*This is a state-wide list. Not all activities are common in Sumner.

GAP ANALYSIS

SUMNER POPULATION PROJECTIONS

For the past few decades, Sumner has been growing at a modest pace of less than 1% per year. However, Sumner will see a significant population increase in the next five years given market demand plus recent changes prompted through Sumner's Town Center Plan, the East Sumner Neighborhood Plan and efforts to increase affordable and senior housing. More residents will be living in multi-family than ever before, driving an increased need for public outdoor and recreation spaces for gathering, exercise and connection to nature.

City of Sumner Population		
Year	Population	Persons per square mile
2020	10,621	1,475
2023	10,800	1,500
2044	15,519*	2,155

*Projection by Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)

The above lists only Sumner's residential populations. This report often references how Sumner's parks, trails and open spaces also serve people who work here, visit and commute/travel through here. Some estimated numbers include:

- 17,000 people work in Sumner's Manufacturing Industrial Center (2023 estimate)
- Over 91,000 people commute through Sumner either in vehicles or transit. (2022 Average Annual Daily Traffic Count for SR 167 in Sumner)
- Over 292,000 unique visitors to Downtown Sumner (2022 geodata)

2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review Key Findings



CURRENT INVENTORY

Section 2 of this plan explored the detailed inventory and classification of Sumner's parks and open spaces. In order to assess standard level of service standards, this grid uses broader facility types for the same spaces. Any area classified as natural greenspace/open area is listed here as Open Space Area. All other classifications are included in Developed Park, whether currently developed or anticipated for future development.

City of Sumner Inventory			
Facility Type	Facility Type	Size	Change from 2018
Rainier View Park	Developed Park	3.9 acres	No change
Loyalty Park	Developed Park	3.3 acres	No change
Heritage Park	Developed Park	0.78 acres	Increased size
Ryan Park	Developed Park	0.4 acres	Increased open space
Heath Sports Complex	Developed Park	7.0 acres	No change
Seibenthaler Park	Developed Park	2.3 acres	Increased size
Bennett Property	Developed Park (future)	4.21 acres	Added
Qunell Park	Developed Park (future)	0.25 acres*	Added
Sumner Link Trail	Open Space Area	5.5 miles	No change
Riverbend Park	Open Space Area	11 acres	Changed to White River Restoration
Shops Loop Trail	Open Space Area		No change
Two Rivers Point	Open Space Area		No change
Total Developed Park:		28.99 acres	
Total Open Space Area:		33.45 acres	

*Includes ROW

SUMNER'S WHITE RIVER RESTORATION PROJECTS

Within this planning period, Sumner will have a unique situation regarding open space. The White River Restoration Projects will return an estimated 215 acres to undeveloped river habitat including braided river channels and setback levees. This space is open, natural space that will NOT be accessible to the public for any kind of recreation, even passive recreation, due to restrictions required for the safety of six endangered species of salmon.

For this reason, the land acreage is not included in the inventory for open space. However, this space will serve the public indirectly by improving natural experiences in adjacent recreation areas. Sumner is proud to partner with local Tribes to improve the overall natural experience in our region and make a significant land investment in conservation of endangered species.

LEVELS OF SERVICE COMPARISONS

Comparing Sumner's targets for various types of facilities versus current and projected population growth shows where gaps currently exist and where they'll develop if facilities do not keep pace with anticipated population growth. In addition to strict numbers, Sumner's parks amenities are predominantly located in the southern, residential portion of the city, leaving people who work or visit the industrial area even shorter on accessible amenities than indicated by the numbers here.

Facility Type	Levels of Service				
	2023 Population	2044 Population	Target (per 1,000 residents)	2023 Gap	2044 Gap
Developed Park	2.03 acres	1.42 acres	5.8 acres	-3.77	-4.38
Open Space			4.1 acres		
Trail/Path	0.5 miles	0.35 miles	0.11 miles	+0.39	+0.24

THE 10-MINUTE WALK

In addition to having spaces, Sumner also has a goal of parks and facilities available within a 10-minute walk for all residents. On level ground (most of Sumner's terrain), a 10-minute walk typically covers 1/2 mile, the metric used by most other plans. This plan uses 1/4 mile metric as the 10-minute walk for a number of reasons:

- Age equity - keeping parks accessible to the widest range of users, especially youth who can't drive yet and seniors who may use a slower pace.
- Health - a 10-minute walk helps increase the health benefits of visiting a park, especially for those seeking more passive pursuits within the parks themselves.
- Environmental Impact - reducing vehicular trips/congestion aids the environment in general as well as the experience within each park space.
- Park Safety & Stewardship - having a park within easy access increases routine use, keeping parks a habitual part of life rather than a unique experience. Routine use increases park safety, building a sense of stewardship from users and neighbors.
- Economic Value - Easily accessible parks increase property value and reduce stress for neighboring residents and businesses.

Sumner's goal is to have 100% of residents within a 10-minute walk (1/4 mile) of a park, trail or open space amenity. Currently, gaps do exist. See the map on page 17 to review the gaps, shown in green circles. They can be reduced and eliminated by adding parks, improving transportation connections or both.

OTHER TRENDS & ISSUES

FUNDING

Currently, Sumner relies on the following funding for Parks:

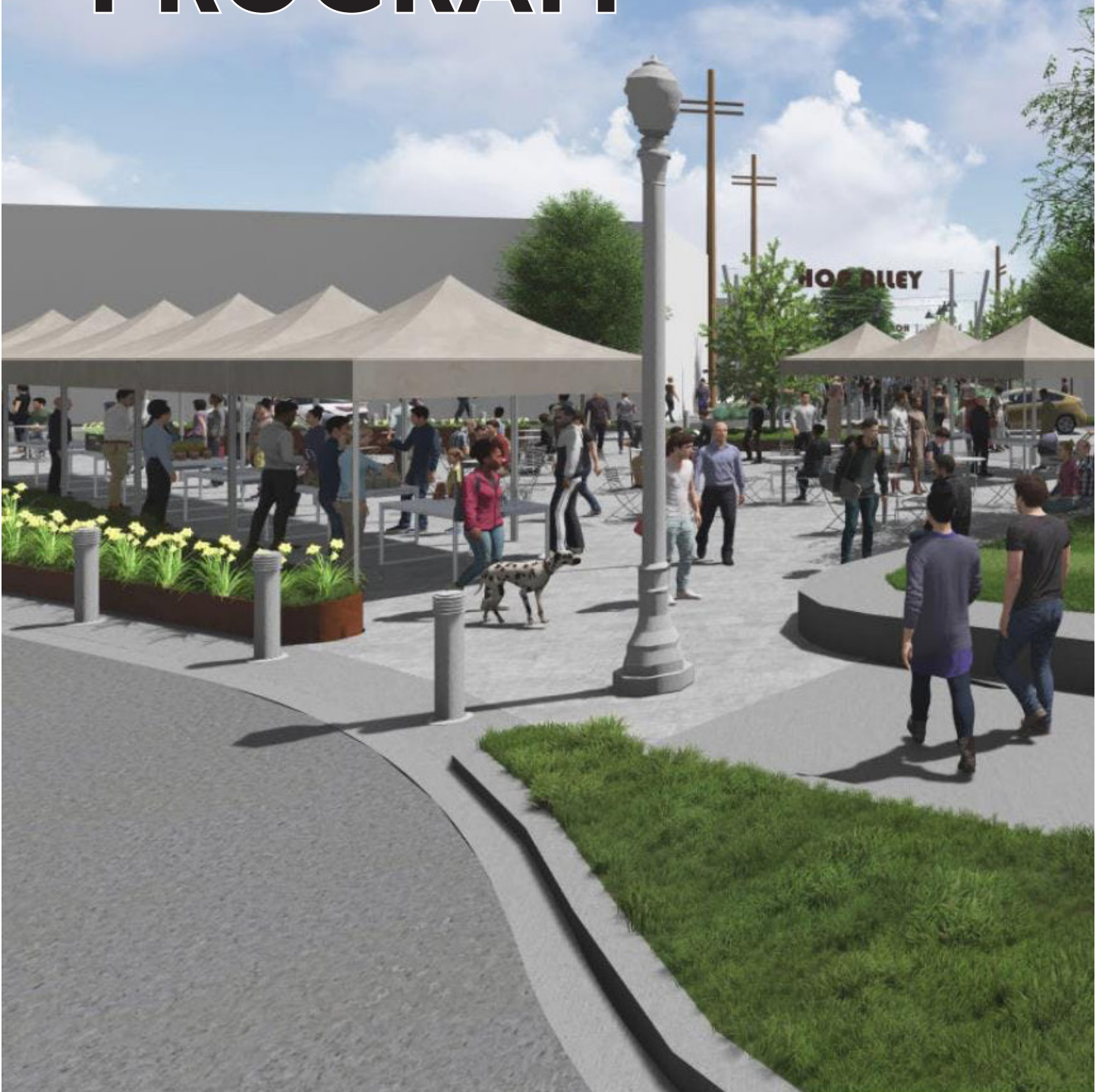
- General Fund - funds staff, equipment and routine supplies. Washington's current 1% cap on revenue that can be collected from property tax will squeeze City budgets, putting parks in direct "competition" for limited dollars with other key services, including police. The City can ask voters for a levy lid lift to raise the rate, an effort that costs money up-front and competes with other jurisdictional levies (i.e. schools, fire).
- Park Impact Fees - collected from developers as part of the development process, this fee helps new development invest in the Parks at a level equivalent to the long-term investment others had been making through taxes.
- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) - funds collected during the sale of a property, typically reserved for capital projects.
- Business & Occupation (B&O) Tax - a tax measured on the value of products, gross proceeds of sale, or gross income of a business. While there is a State B&O tax, cities have the option to add a local version, which Sumner has not done to date.
- Grants - Sumner continues to seek and successfully receive a variety of grants. However, as most cities in the region face the same growth and similar funding gaps, grants will remain highly competitive to receive and usually cover construction only, not ongoing maintenance.
- Private Donors - Private donors/sponsors may be an option for large development such as the building at Heritage Park. However, small-dollar fundraising drives create more maintenance challenges than funding solutions. Private donors typically respond to construction as well, not ongoing, routine maintenance.
- Parks District - Currently, Sumner does not have a parks district, but other pressures outlined above may make this the most viable funding option available in the future, providing a stable funding source not in competition with other services or cities.
- Traffic Cameras - Use in park areas could reduce speeds with revenue split to also support parks.

SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP

In general, governments are seeing a decline in residents' perception of investing in community-wide services including roads, utilities and parks. A feeling of "what's in it for me" focuses more on direct benefit as a transaction rather than a broader, community-level sense of stewardship.

SECTION 5

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



In addition to ongoing, routine care of the parks, there's also the capital investments needed over time to grow and expand parks, either geographically or with the amenities provided in each space. This section provides an overview of each park's anticipated capital needs over the next six years. The graph below offers an idea of how the needs could be spaced over the span of this plan. It offers a guide while staff continue to seek and capitalize on every opportunity provided to fund and grow Sumner's parks, trail and open space.

Note: estimates below do not include soft costs such as permits or escalation costs as those will fluctuate over time.

Site/Project	RCO*	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2044
Rainier View									
Covered Court (Funded)	A, D, G, H, I	\$ 937,000							
Misc Site Improvements			\$ 100,000						
Heritage									
Alley	I, J, K		\$2,160,000						
Park & Playground	A, G, H, I				\$5,415,000				
Building	K					\$7,000,000			
Lucy V. Ryan									
Master Plan	A, K	\$ 25,000							
Demo		\$ 185,000							
Development	A, K		\$ 100,000						
Loyalty									
Drainage & Site Improvements	A, G, H, I		\$ 109,000						
Picnic/Shade Shelter	A, G, H, I		\$ 25,000						
Expansion & Parking	A, G, H, I		\$ 700,000						
Heath Sports									
Field	A, D, E, I			\$3,000,000					
Lighting	A, D, I			\$ 600,000					
Fencing	A, D, I			\$ 375,000					
Pump & Sk8	A, D, I								\$ 995,000
Picnic & Pathways	A, D, I				\$ 365,000				
Seibenthaler									
Site Improvements (phases)	A, D, F, G, H, I			\$3,750,000			\$3,750,000	\$2,910,529	
ROW Improvements					\$ 352,700				
Bennett									
Site Improvements (phases)	A, D, F, G, H, I			\$2,250,000			\$3,575,000	\$2,792,317	
Qunell									
Master Plan	A, D, F, G, H, I		\$ 35,000						
Site Improvements	A, D, F, G, H, I				\$1,090,000				
TOTALS		\$1,147,000	\$3,229,000	\$9,975,000	\$7,222,700	\$7,000,000	\$7,325,000	\$5,702,846	\$ 995,000

* Shows potential funding sources through Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) and impact fees only.

A RCO WWRP Local Parks

B RCO WWRP Trails

C RCO WWRP Habitat

D RCO Youth Athletic Facilities

E RCO Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities

F RCO Land Water Conservation Fund

G RCO No Child Left Behind

H RCO Outdoor Learning Grants

I Sumner Park Impact Fees

J Sumner Transportation Improvement Program

K Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Grant



RAINIER VIEW PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Add Portland Loo restroom (2024)
- Complete covered court (2024)
- Replace playground with inclusive playground (2023-2024)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Add shaded picnic area and more benches
- Fix perimeter fence
- Improve drainage/renovate lawn
- Level for soccer field(s)
- Add trees

COST ESTIMATES

- Covered court - \$937,000 (Funded)
- Misc. improvements - \$100,000

For full inventory of current facility's condition and capacity, see Appendix A

EXPANDING PARKS:

Adding a “Portland Loo” restroom brings running water and improved facilities while the open design helps better prevent/repair vandalism and illegal use.





LOYALTY PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Restripe basketball court to add pickleball (2019)
- Replace playground with inclusive playground (2021)
- Add Portland Loo restroom (2023)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Add shaded picnic area (reuse Heritage gazebo?)
- Add gathering spaces (purchase Scout Hall?)
- Add entryway/formal gateway signage
- In expansion area, add loop path

COST ESTIMATES

- Drainage & site improvements - \$109,000
- Picnic/shade shelter - \$25,000
- Expansion & Parking - \$700,000

For full inventory of current facility's condition and capacity, see Appendix A

EXPANDING PARKS:

Although technically adjacent to the park (for now), the Henry mural on Scout Hall has quickly become a backdrop for concerts and selfies taken throughout the park for a signature piece of art.





REUBEN A. KNOBLAUCH HERITAGE PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Woonerf plaza (2023)
- Master Plan Design (2023-2024)
- Purchase/removal of 902-906 Kincaid for full block (2022-24)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

See Master Plan

- Move gazebo and replace with stage/seating
- Reconnect tip to interact with Main Street better
- Signature entry
- Building at south end for events, community space, offices
- Add small play area
- Integrate with Hops Alley activation

COST ESTIMATES

- Park & playground - \$5,415,000
- Building - \$7,000,000

For full inventory of current facility's condition and capacity, see Appendix A

EXPANDING PARKS:

With utility work already tearing up streets, repaving installed the woonerf plaza as directed by the Main Street Vision, making events flow better and drivers more cautious of pedestrians.





LUCY V. RYAN PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Resetting park as east “anchor” for downtown, to be used in tandem with Heritage Park for large events to encourage pedestrian flow through downtown
- House demolition (2024)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Needs immediate/intermediary improvements for use
- Incorporate required memorial to Lucy V. Ryan (deed) and house (SEPA)
- Develop master plan with engagement

COST ESTIMATES

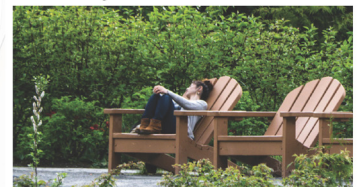
- Master Plan - \$25,000
- Demolition - \$185,000
- Development - \$100,000

For full inventory of current facility’s condition and capacity, see Appendix A

EXPANDING PARKS:

The original site plan assumed outdoor amenities augmenting the house. With the loss of the house, some elements may still direct future redevelopment of the site for expanded use.

Movable Seating



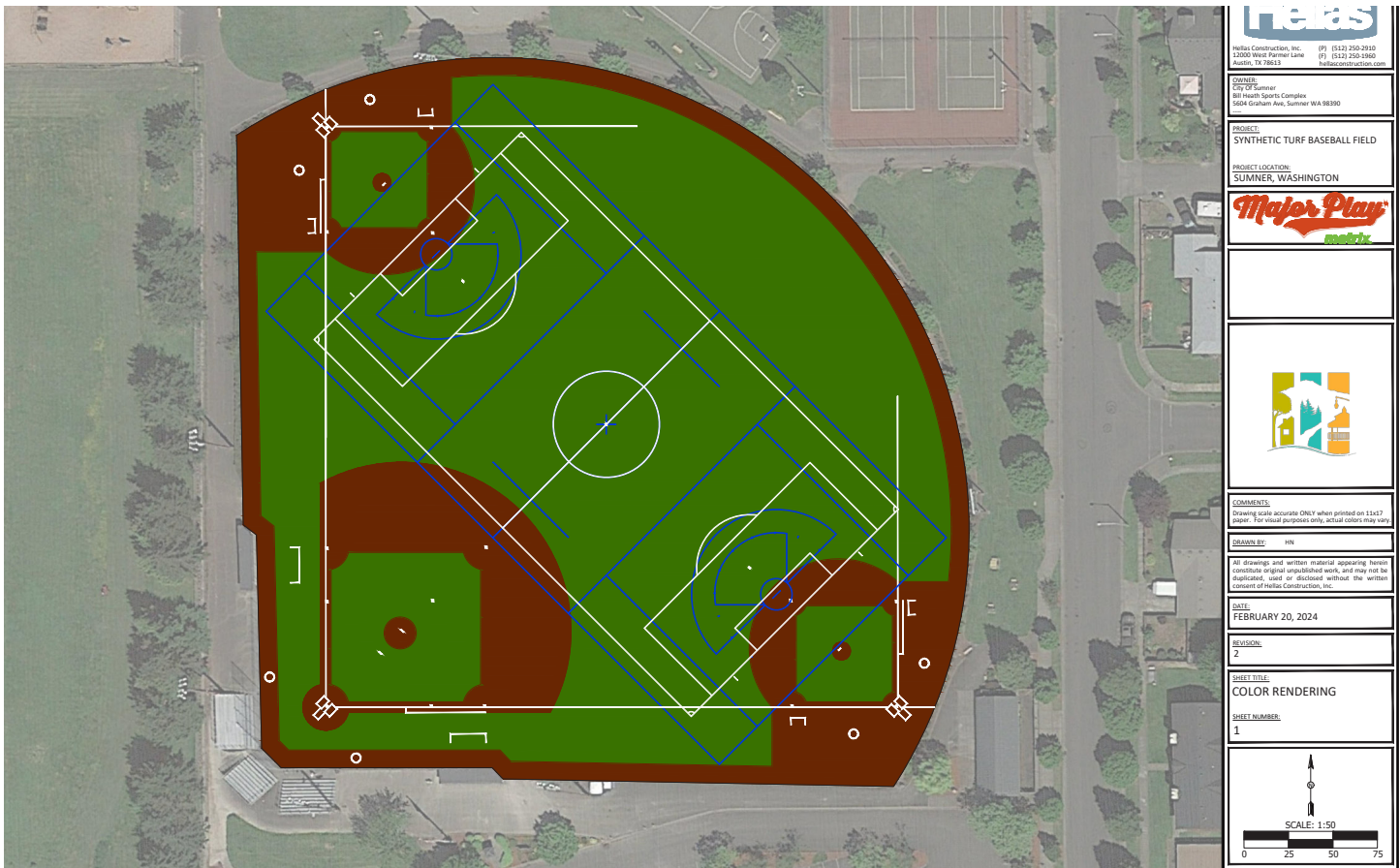
Raised Bed Kitchen Garden



Overhead Lighting



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BILL HEATH SPORTS COMPLEX

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Restripe tennis courts for pickleball too

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Turf baseball field
- Convert lights to LEDs
- New restroom
- Remodel concession stand
- Add a pump track and/or street scape area

COST ESTIMATES

- Field - \$3,000,000
- Lighting - \$600,000
- Fencing - \$375,000
- Pump & Sk8 - \$995,000
- Picnic & Pathways - \$365,000

For full inventory of current facility's condition and capacity, see Appendix A

EXPANDING PARKS:

Over 1800 people & businesses donated to build this park over 20 years ago. This is a prime example of how up-front capital investment can be great in the first 5-10 years while also creating maintenance challenges after that.





SEIBENTHALER PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Developed master plan for redesign (2022)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

See Master Plan

- Fix drainage for useable open lawn
- Add dog park
- Add shade trees/wetland buffer
- Add walking path route
- Add shelter
- Change basketball court to multipurpose court
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COST ESTIMATES

- Site improvements (phases) - \$5,217,094
- ROW Improvements - \$352,700

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EXPANDING PARKS:

In this park, Sumner tested its first pop-up off-leash dog park, which was a great success with users and added to the data that a more permanent option is needed.





BENNETT PROPERTY

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Purchase of property (2020)
- Addition of Hansen Hallway (2021)
- Master plan (2022)
- Addition of Robinson NW corner (2023)

For full inventory of current facility's condition and capacity, see Appendix A

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

See Master Plan

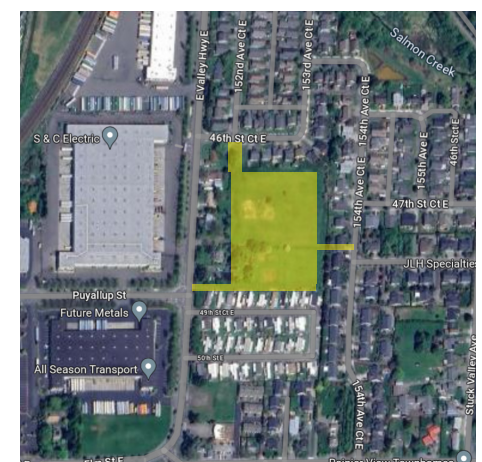
- Build entries and parking
- Develop open lawn space
- Mitigate wetlands with buffer and planting
- Add picnic shelter and play area
- Build multipurpose court
- Develop plaza and walkways

EXPANDING PARKS:

This property brings park space to a blend of residential and industrial neighbors who previously had no space within easy access.

COST ESTIMATES

- Site improvements (phases) - \$4,587,893
- Expansion & Parking - \$700,000





QUNELL FAMILY PARK

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Donation of property (2021)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Plan for development
- Add playground
- Build sport court
- Develop open space
- Improve access/amenities

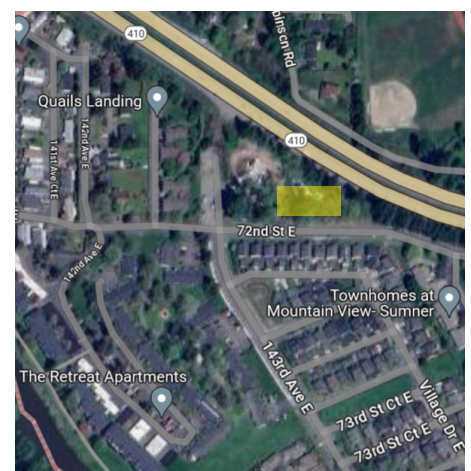
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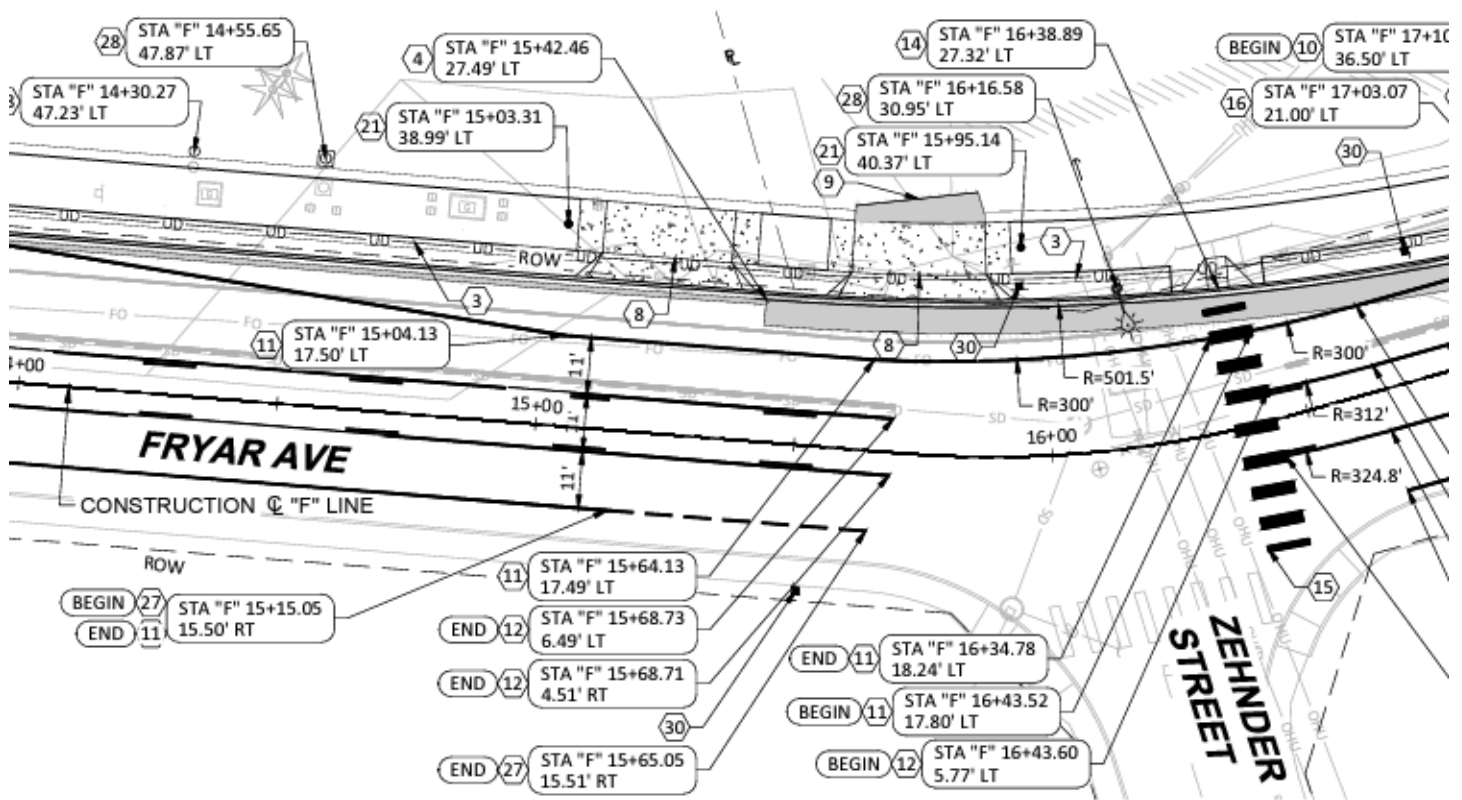
- Master Plan - \$35,000
- Site Improvements - \$1,090,000

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EXPANDING PARKS:

This property brings park space to a neighborhood of roughly 1,000 people with no current park space.





SUMNER LINK TRAIL

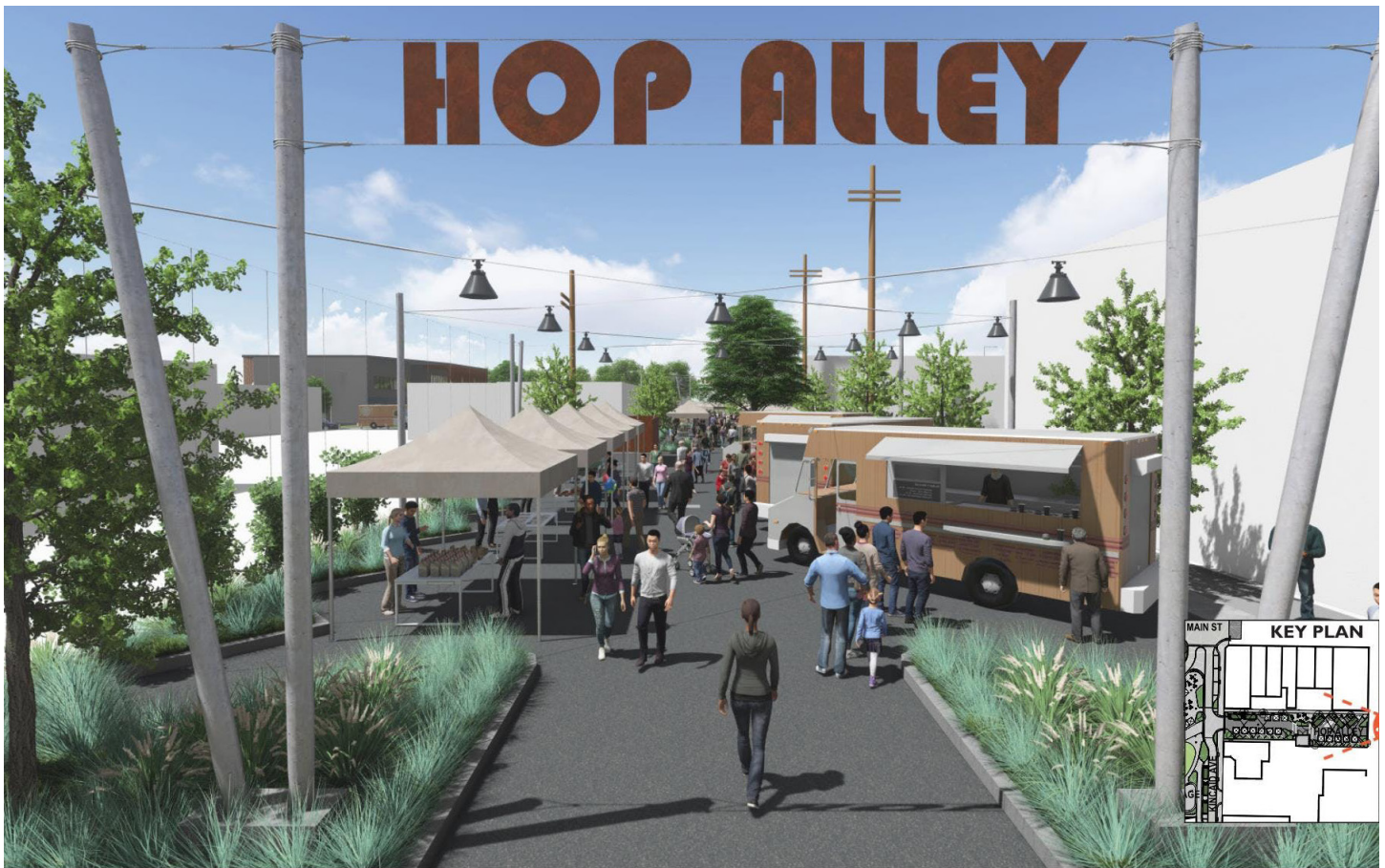
CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Build missing separated trail at Fryar Ave (2024)
- Ongoing repairs/maintenance

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Move portion of trail for White River Restoration
- Improve trailhead amenities/options

For full inventory of current facility's condition and capacity, see Appendix A



ALLEY ACTIVATION

CURRENT/RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

- Conceptual Design of Hops Alley (2023)
- Full Design of Hops Alley (2024)

NEEDED/POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Construct Hops Alley
- Plan extensions to other alleys for activation
- Partner to rework programming/events to activate alleys rather than shut down streets.
- Encourage businesses maximize alley exposure

COST ESTIMATES

- Alley - \$2,160,000

SECTION 6

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION



TIMELINE

DRAFTING THE PLAN

The last update of this plan was drafted by Berk Consulting, Inc. and HBB Landscape Architecture, passed by the City Council in February 2018. Elements of that draft are repeated as appropriate in this version.

This current update began in 2023 with extensive and various public outreach. The initial draft was started by SCJ Alliance with the final draft and design completed by the City of Sumner.

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMISSION

Review, edit & recommend final draft to Council - April 14, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL

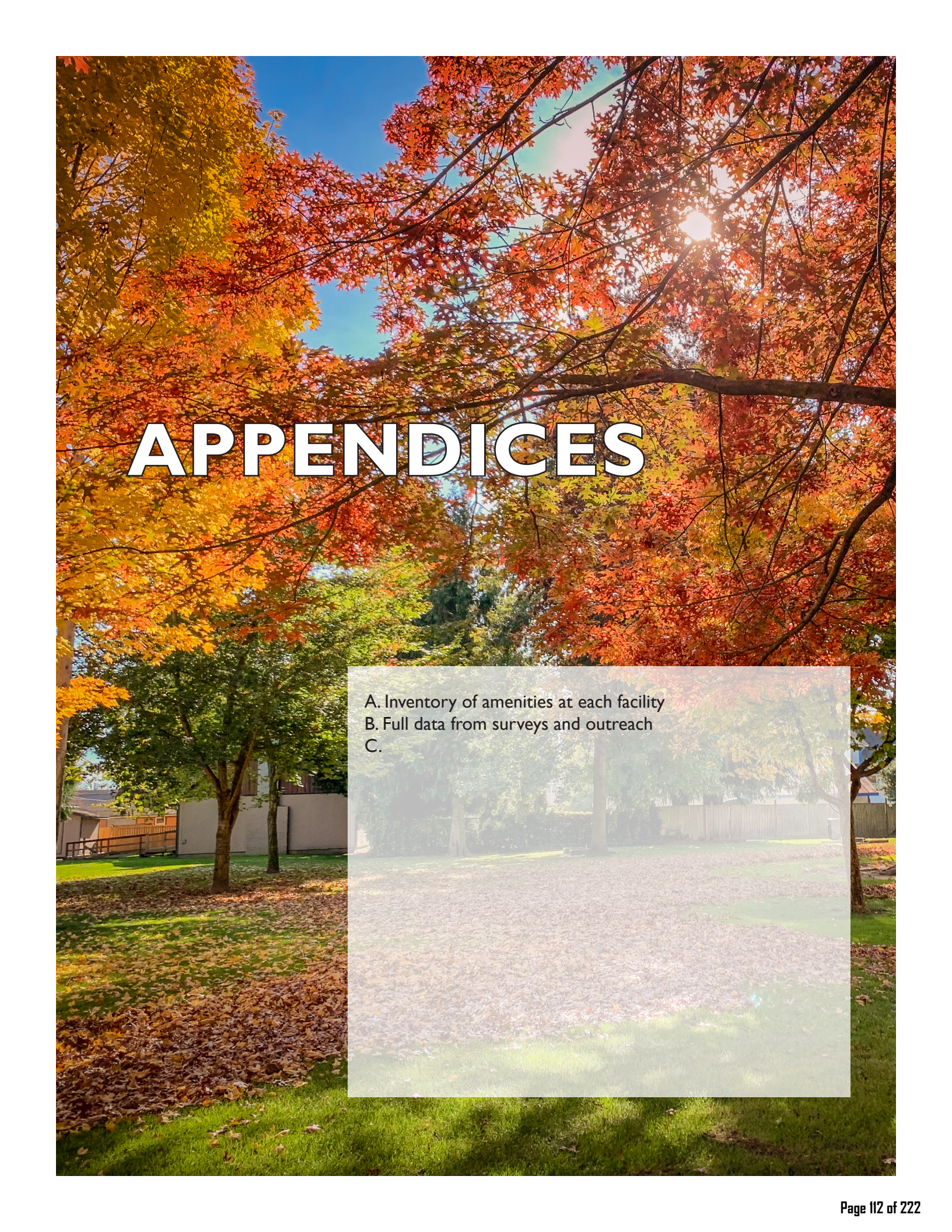
Review final draft - Study Session March 25, 2024

Approve & pass - City Council Meeting May 6, 2024

Once approved, a plan provides a roadmap of how the City can best expand and maintain its infrastructure. With each biennial budget during this plan's period, the Council will reassess its priorities and make choices about what projects and efforts to fund. City staff will also use this plan to prioritize time and energy, seeking funding sources and opportunities that complement the City's budget to complete projects and maintain programs.

While the public will have the opportunity to comment on the plan, outreach and feedback happened at the beginning of this process to incorporate many voices and perspectives. Once adopted, the public will continue to have extensive input in how this plan is executed with opportunities to comment on each biennial budget, on specific park master plans, on accepting grant awards, and depending on amount, on the selection of consultants and contractors.

ORDINANCE



APPENDICES

- A. Inventory of amenities at each facility
- B. Full data from surveys and outreach
- C.

APPENDIX A

INVENTORY OF AMENITIES

Park Name: Loyalty Park

Address: 1300 Park St

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
5	Popular community park; some minor issues but overall very good condition

Athletic Fields, Sports Courts, and Tracks		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Basketball court (full)	4.5	Also striped for pickleball

Play Environments		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Playground	5	
a) Music play panels	5	
b) Other play panels	5	
c) Rocker (ADA accessible)	5	
d) Slides	5	
e) Climbers	5	
Accelerator swing	5	
Zip-line	5	Engineered wood fiber chips below
Table w/ Seating	5	
Spinners	5	
Swing set w/ 6 swings	5	Trational rubber seat (2); Tradional rubber tot seat (2); Konnection swing (1); Freedom swing (1)
Rubberized fall surfacing	3	Damanged in several locations

Specialty Recreation (Aquatics, Splash Pads, Fitness Circuits)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Horseshoe pits	3	2 sets; showing their age

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Heritage trees	5	Qty: 4+
Grass area (large)	4	Large field; some low points with poor drainage; can be striped for soccer

Environmental (Critical Areas, Wetlands)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Nesting box	3	

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Adjacent parking	4	On street parking, no ADA designated parking
Multiple access points	4	Would benefit from add'l access @ east end of park

Site Amenities (Benches, Rest Areas)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Restroom enclosure	4	Some graffiti
Restroom	5	Portland Loo brand; new
Benches	5	
Picnic tables	5	ADA accessible
Barbecue grills	5	
Pet waste bag station	5	
Drinking fountain	2.5	Rust flaking paint
Lighting	3	One light post in center of park
Trash cans	4	

Signage / Wayfinding / Art		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Park name monument sign	5	Wood; appears to be new
Mural	5	Located on wall of adjacent Scout Hall

Park Name:

Reuben A. Knoblauch Heritage Park

Address:

914 Kincaid Ave

Overall Condition		
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES	
3.5	Currently slated for renovation	

Park Structures (Buildings)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Gazebo	3.75	ADA accessible (has ramp)

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Grass area (small)	4.5	Grassy knoll
Street trees	3.5	Trees appear to be in good health
Screen planting	3	Trees/shrubs to screen adjacent building and parking lot; sparse, needs pruning

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Adjacent parking	5	On street parking
Multiple access points	5	Adjacent to downtown; wide sidewalks

Site Amenities (Benches, Rest Areas)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Restroom enclosure	4	Some graffiti
Trash cans	3.5	
Chess/checkers tables	4	ADA accessible
Benches	3.5	Multiple benches removed due to roadway/sidewalk construction
Bike racks	3	Tube steel, surface-mount.
Lighting	4	Street lamps
Drinking fountain	2.5	
Tree grates	4.5	
Flagpoles	5	

Signage / Wayfinding / Art		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Park name monument sign	4.5	

Miscellaneous		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Plaza	5	Temporary concrete plaza
Proximity to commercial amenities	5	Wide variety of shopping and dining within short walking distance
Proximity to transit	5	Near train station and bus stop

Park Name:

Lucy V. Ryan Park

Address:

1228 Main St

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
3	Exterior building and grounds are well maintained. Interior of building requires renovation

Park Structures (Buildings)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Historic house	1	Structural issues - Council Resolution 1663 for demolition

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Lawn	5	
Vegetation screen	5	Large shrubs to screen adjacent building
Trees	3.75	Holly 2, Buttercup 5, Grand Fir 4,

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
On-street parking	5	Adequate parking is available
Multiple access points	5	Adjacent to downtown; sidewalks

Site Amenities (Benches, Rest Areas)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Drinking fountain	4	
Benches	4	
Lighting	3	Street lamps along Main St

Signage / Wayfinding / Art		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Park rules sign	5	Next to porch

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Miscellaneous		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Proximity to commercial amenities	5	Wide variety of shopping and dining within short walking distance
Proximity to transit	5	Near train station and bus stop

Park Name:

Qunell Family Park

Address:

14324 72nd St E (adjacent property)

RCO Project Snapshot	
RCO	Info
Project Type:	Park Master Plan
Project Status:	Other
Project Link:	https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=22-2461
Funding Source:	Planning for Recreation Access
Project Scope:	Site master plan development

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
1	Currently undeveloped

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Wooded lot	3	Multiple invasive plant species present on site

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Adjacent parking	5	On street parking
Access from adjacent street	3	Only accessible from one side

Park Name: **Rainier View Park**
Address: 15603 Meade McCumber Rd

RCO Project Snapshot	
RCO	Info
Project Type:	Covered court
Project Status:	In Progress
Project Link:	https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=20-1231 https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=18-1715
Funding Source:	YAF - Large; WWRP - Local Parks
Project Scope:	Architectural & Engineering (A&E), Cultural resources, General site preparation, Install general site structures, Install power utilities, Installation of sports facility amenities, Multi-purpose court development, Obtain permits

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
5	Variety of uses, appealing public art

Park Structures (Buildings)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Picnic pavilion	4	
Storage building	4	Located adjacent to picnic shelter

Athletic Fields, Sports Courts, and Tracks		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Basketball court (full)	4	Replace net on one post

Trails and Pathways		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Walking paths	4	Drainage issues due to soils and grass

Play Environments		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
5-12 Playground w/ Ramp	5	Installed 2024
OmniSpin Spinner	5	Installed 2024
Chill Spinner	5	Installed 2024
ZipKrooz 34'	5	Installed 2024
ForeverLawn surfacing	5	Installed 2024

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Grass area (large)	2.5	Large field, drainage issues throughout
Screening vegetation	4	Large shrubs to screen playground from adjacent property

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Dedicated parking lot	5	28 spaces; diagonal parking
Adjacent parking	5	On-street parking
Access	5	Multiple access points; Adjacent to neighborhood sidewalks

Site Amenities (Benches, Rest Areas)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Restroom enclosure	5	
Benches	5	
Picnic tables	5	
Chess/checkers table	5	
Barbecue grills	5	
Pet waste bag station	5	
Concrete planters	5	2 round, 2 rectangular
Tree grates	2.5	
Drinking fountain	5	
Trash cans	5	

Signage / Wayfinding / Art		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Mosaic art wall / bench	5	
Mosaic entry sign	5	
Mosaic flower in pavement	5	
Mosaic couch	5	
Mosaic arm chair	5	
Mosaic ottoman	5	
Mosaic rug	5	
Storybook plaque	5	
Park name monument sign	5	Wood; appears to be new

Miscellaneous		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Plaza	5	Located at SW corner

Park Name: **Bill Heath Sports Complex**
Address: 5604 Graham Ave

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
4	Regional sports complex with shared ownership. Starting to show its age.

Park Structures (Buildings)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Concession stand	2.5	Exterior assessment only (closed at time of visit)

Athletic Fields, Sports Courts, and Tracks		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Baseball field	3.5	
Dugouts	3.5	
Soccer fields	4	
Basketball court (full)	3.5	Graffiti, cracking, water stains
Tennis courts	3.5	Also striped for pickleball; graffiti, cracking

Play Environments		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES

Specialty Recreation (Aquatics, Splash Pads, Fitness Circuits)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Skate Park	3.5	

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Dedicated parking lot	3.5	141 spaces, some cracking, no lights
Adjacent parking	5	On-street parking
Multiple access points	5	Adjacent to neighborhood sidewalks

Site Amenities (Benches, Rest Areas)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Flagpole	5	
Drinking fountain	3.75	
Barbecue grills	3.5	
Trash cans	3.5	
Picnic tables	3.5	
Benches	3	
Bleachers	4	
Lighting	2.5	Floodlights @ fields
Pet waste bag station	5	

Signage / Wayfinding / Art		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Park entrance sign	5	
Rotary Club sign	5	

Miscellaneous		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Kiosk	1	Metal roof; donor plaques removed from vandalism

Park Name: **Seibenthaler Park**
Address: 1602 Bonney Ave

RCO Project Snapshot	
RCO	Info
Project Type:	Phase 1 Spray Park
Project Status:	Other
Project Link:	https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=22-1392
Funding Source:	Land and Water Conservation
Project Scope:	Architectural & Engineering (A&E), Construct / install restroom, Cultural resources, Develop circulation paths or access routes, Dog Park, General site preparation, Install power utilities, Install sewage system, Install site furnishings, Install stormwater system, Install water system, Landscaping improvements, Multi-purpose court development, Parking development, Spray park development

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
4	Open feel to this neighborhood park. Poor drainage is holding this park back.

Athletic Fields, Sports Courts, and Tracks		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Basketball court (full)	5	

Play Environments		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Playground	5	Two separate structures
a) Slides	5	
b) Climbers	5	
c) Music play panels	5	
d) Other play panels	4	Some graffiti
e) Tunnels	5	
f) Spinners	5	

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Grass area (large)	3	Large field; can be striped for soccer poor drainage

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Adjacent parking	5	On street parking
Multiple access points	5	

Site Amenities (Benches, Rest Areas)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Restroom enclosure	3	Some graffiti
Benches	5	
Picnic tables	4	Some vandalism to tables
Barbecue grills	5	
Pet waste bag station	5	
Drinking fountain	4	
Bike Rack	5	12 bike capacity
Trash cans	5	

Signage / Wayfinding / Art		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Park name monument sign	5	Wood

Miscellaneous		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Dog park	3	Temporary

Park Name: **Bennett Property**
Address: 4811 E Valley Hwy

RCO Project Snapshot	
RCO	Info
Project Type:	Property acquisition & phase 1 development
Project Status:	Proposed
Project Link:	https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=22-1297
Funding Source:	WWRP - Local Parks
Project Scope:	Administrative costs (Acq), Architectural & Engineering (A&E), Construct / install restroom, Cultural resources, Develop circulation paths or access routes, General site preparation, Install fencing/barriers, Install fitness course, Install signs/kiosk, Install site furnishings, Install stormwater system, Land, Landscaping improvements, Parking development

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
1	Currently undeveloped

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Open field (large)	4	Unmowed, consists of weeds and invasives

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Parking	1	No on-site or adjacent parking
Access points	1	Only one access point, will have three when developed

Park Name: **Sumner Link Trail**
Address: Citywide

Overall Condition	
OVERALL RATING (1-5)	NOTES
4	Info

Park Structures (Buildings)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES

Athletic Fields, Sports Courts, and Tracks		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES

Trails and Pathways		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Trails and Pathways	4	

Play Environments		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES

Specialty Recreation (Aquatics, Splash Pads, Fitness Circuits)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Fitness Circuits	4	

Landscape/Open Space Areas (Meadows, Grass Areas, Buffer/Screening Plantings, Heritage Trees)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Landscape	4	
Trees	4	

Environmental (Critical Areas, Wetlands)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Critical Areas	4	Nice views of rivers and nature
Wetlands	4	

Parking Areas & Access/Entrances		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Parking Areas	4	Only one dedicated parking area at a trailhead
Access/Entrances	4	Multiple entrances

Site Amenities (Benches, Rest Areas)		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Benches, Rest Areas	4	

Signage / Wayfinding / Art		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES
Signage / Wayfinding / Art	4	

Miscellaneous		
AMENITY	RATING (1-5)	NOTES

APPENDIX B

DATA FROM SURVEYS & OUTREACH

Kickoff Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

14 June 2019 - 17 March 2024

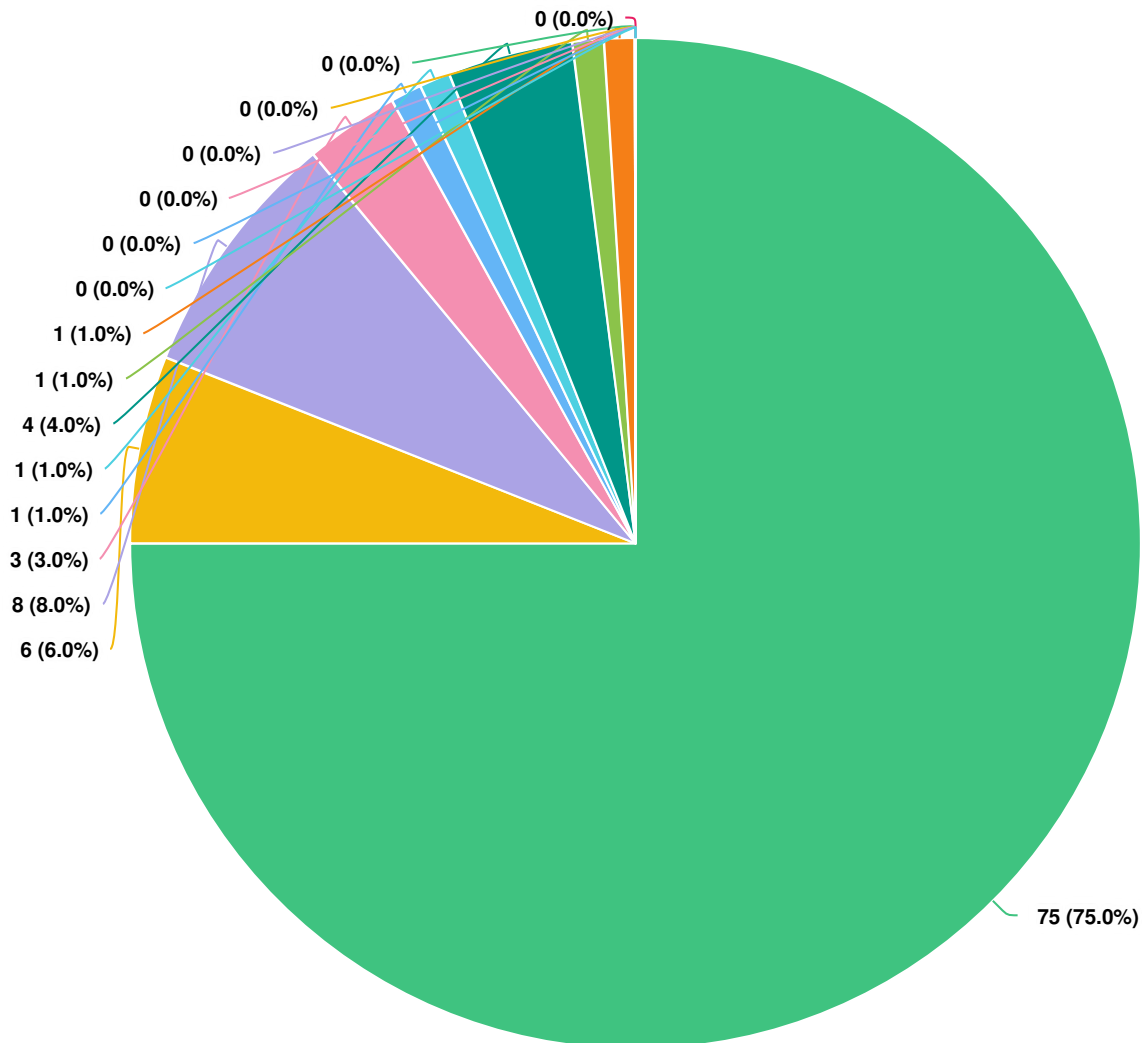
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

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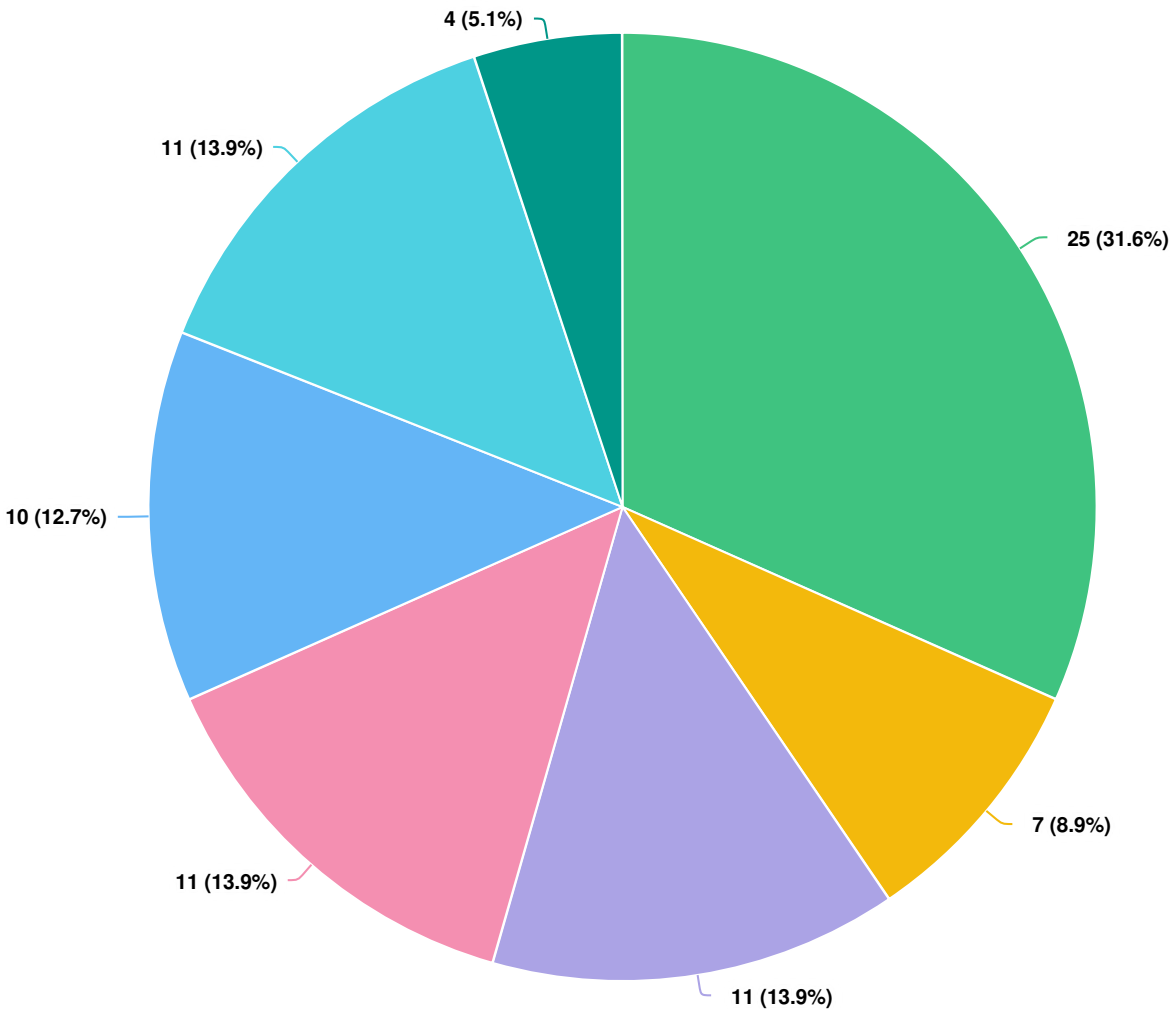


Question options

- Sumner
- Puyallup
- Lake Tapps
- Bonney Lake
- Alderton
- Tacoma
- Unincorporated Pierce County
- Olympia/Lacey/Thurston County
- Other (please specify)
- Edgewood
- Auburn
- Orting
- Federal Way/Des Moines/Fife
- Greater Seattle Area
- Greater Bellevue Area
- JBLM

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 | If you live in Sumner, what neighborhood do you live in? (with Valley Ave and Main St serving as the east, west, north, south markers)

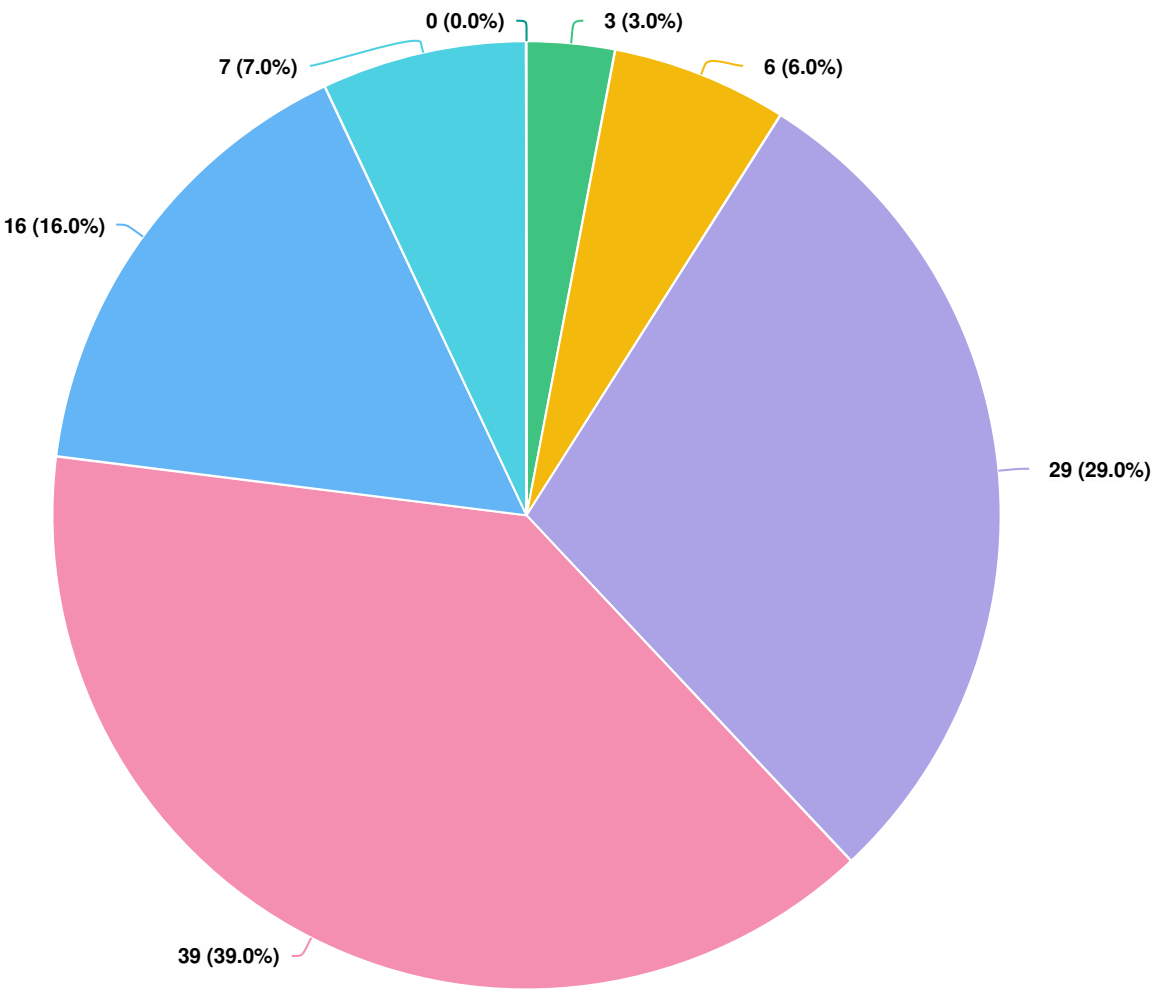


Question options

- Downtown SumnerNorthwest SumnerNortheast SumnerSouthwest SumnerSoutheast Sumner
- Rivergrove AreaOther (please specify)

Optional question (79 response(s), 21 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 What is your age range?

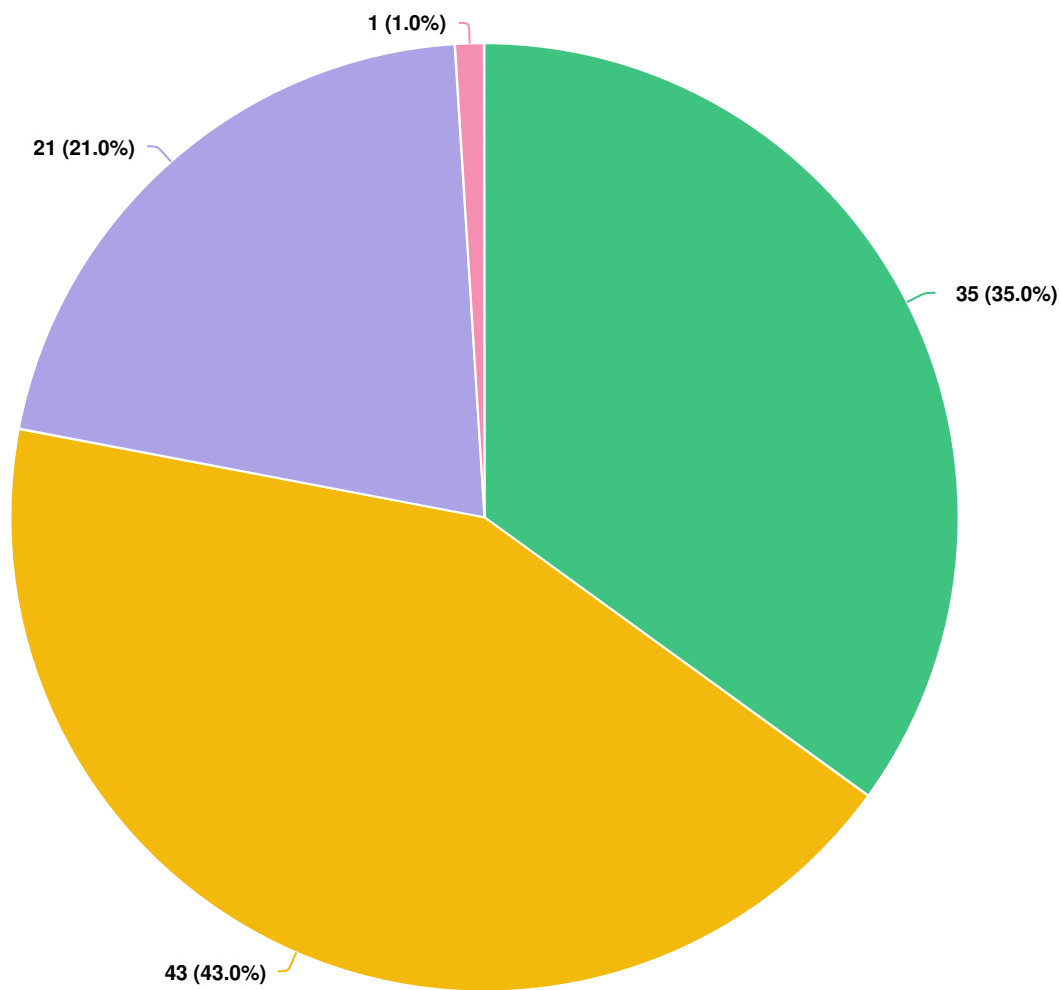


Question options

0-12 20-27 28-39 40-54 55-69 70 or older 12-19

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 | What is your household size?

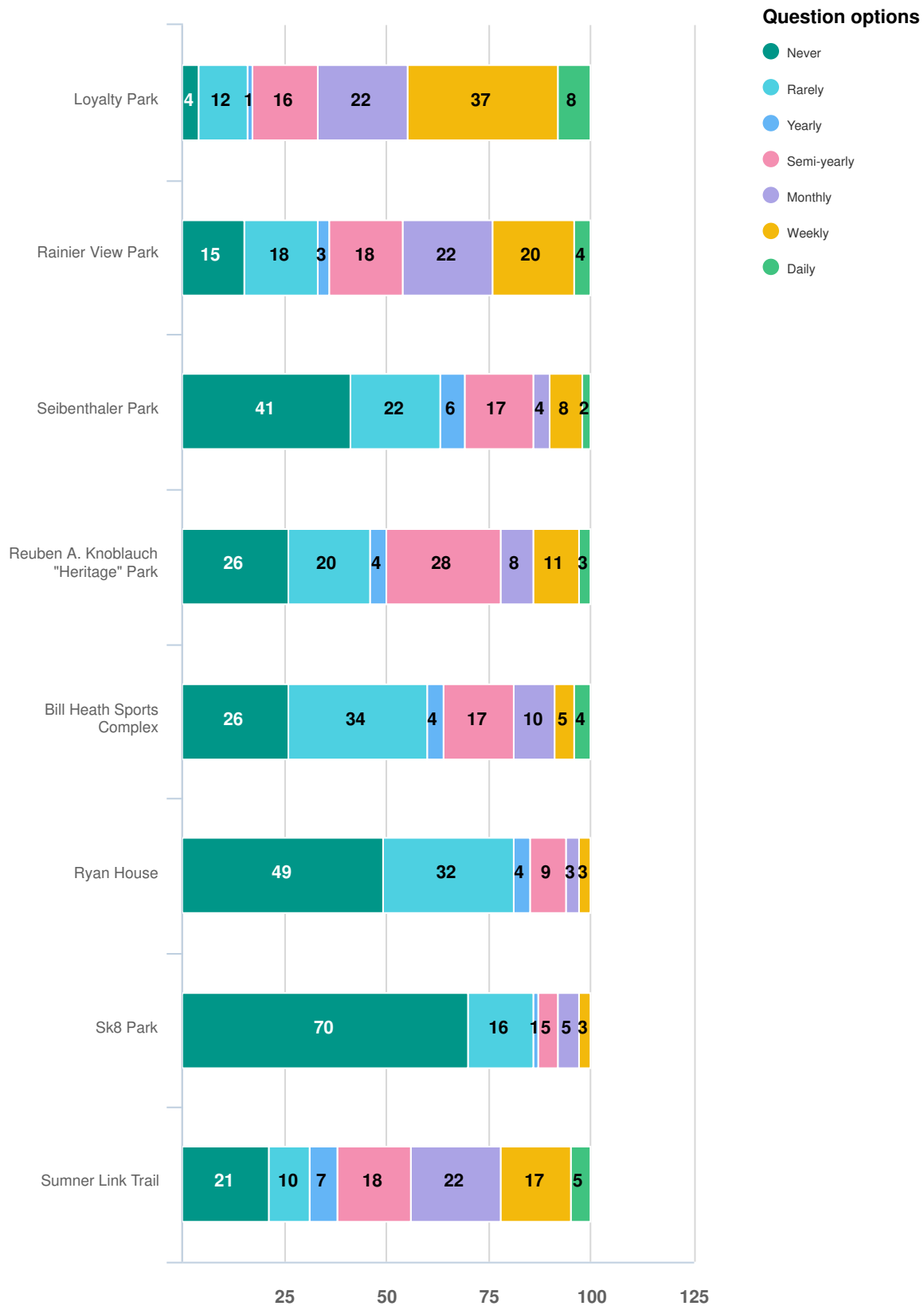


Question options

1-2 People 3-4 People 5-6 People 7+ People

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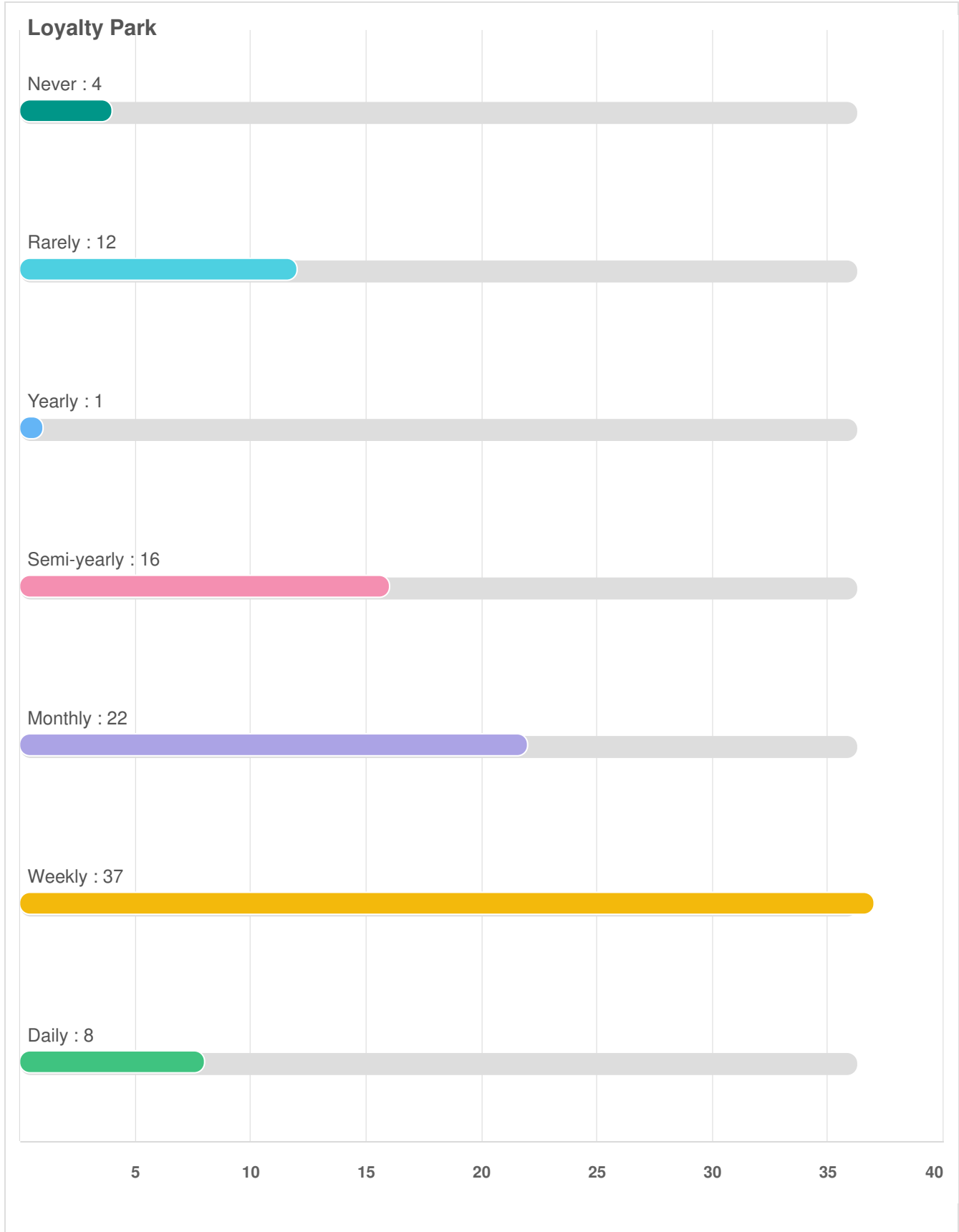
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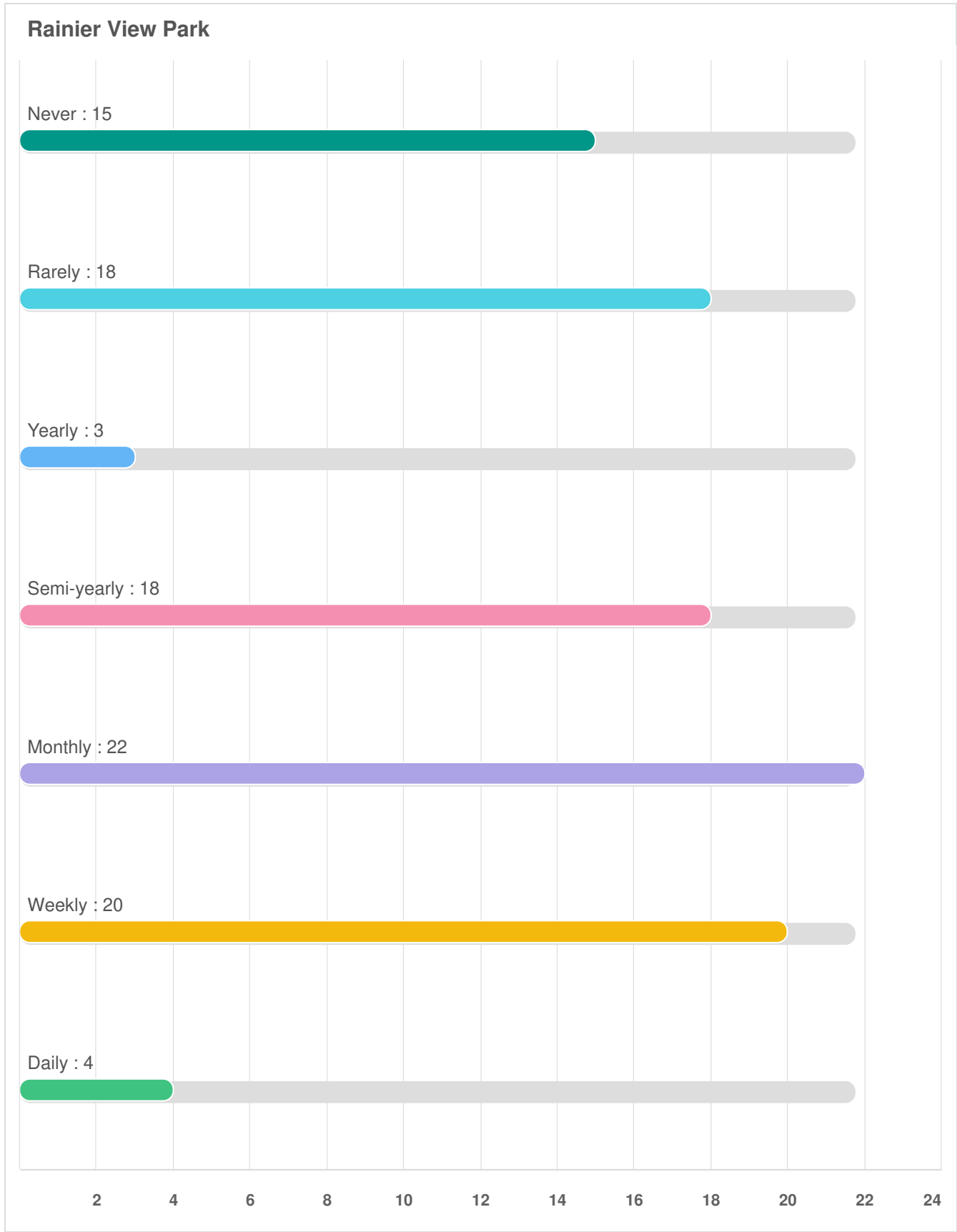


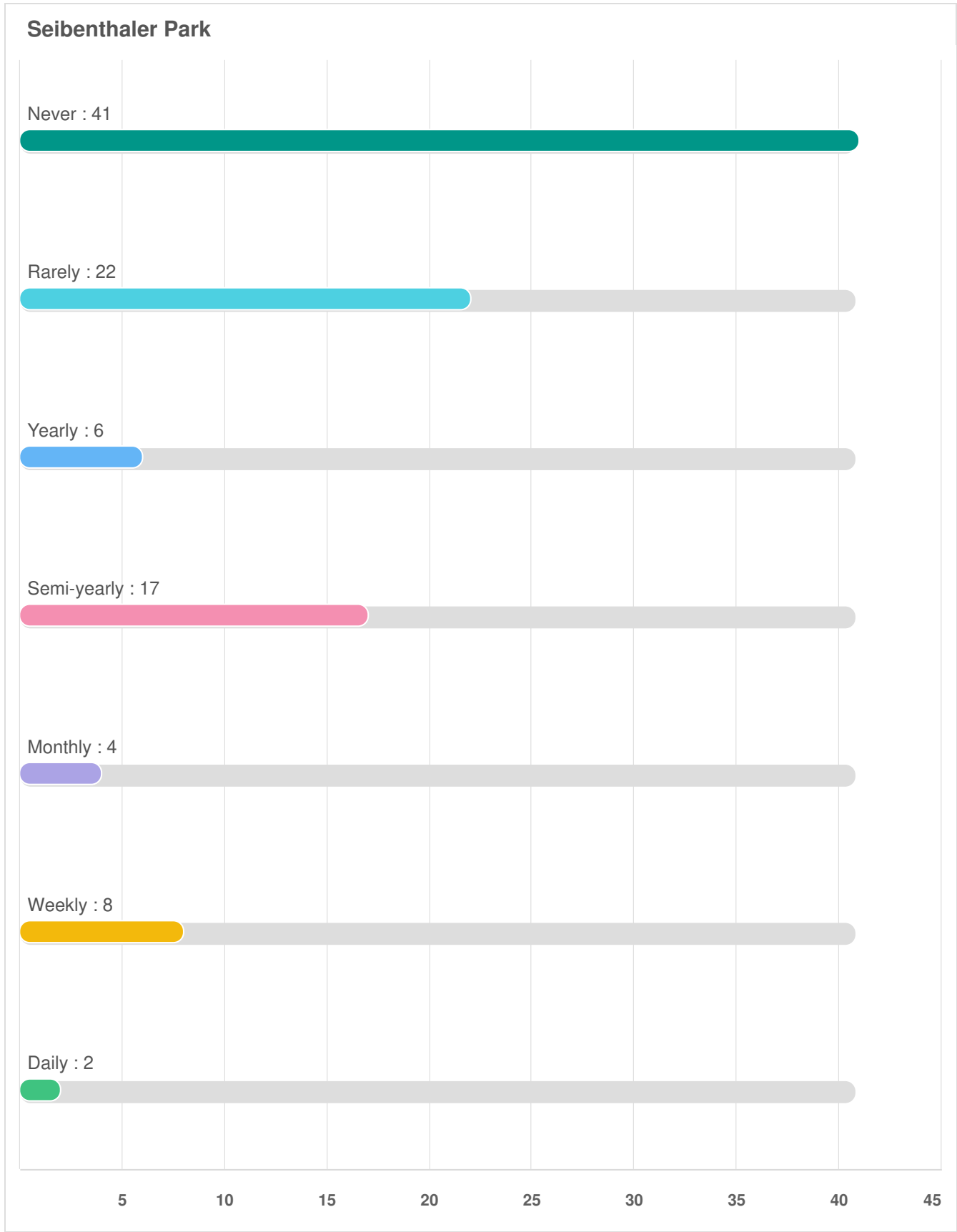
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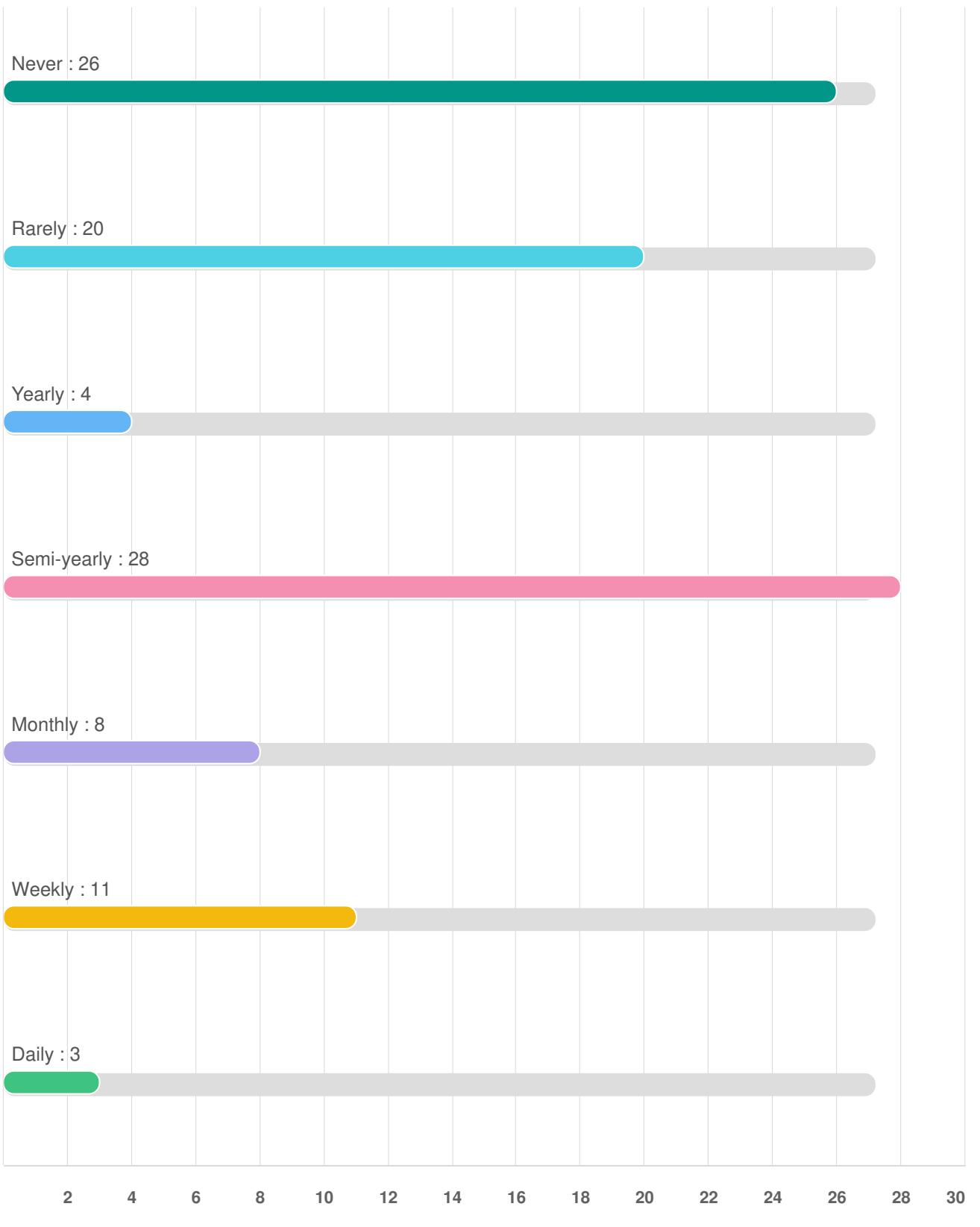
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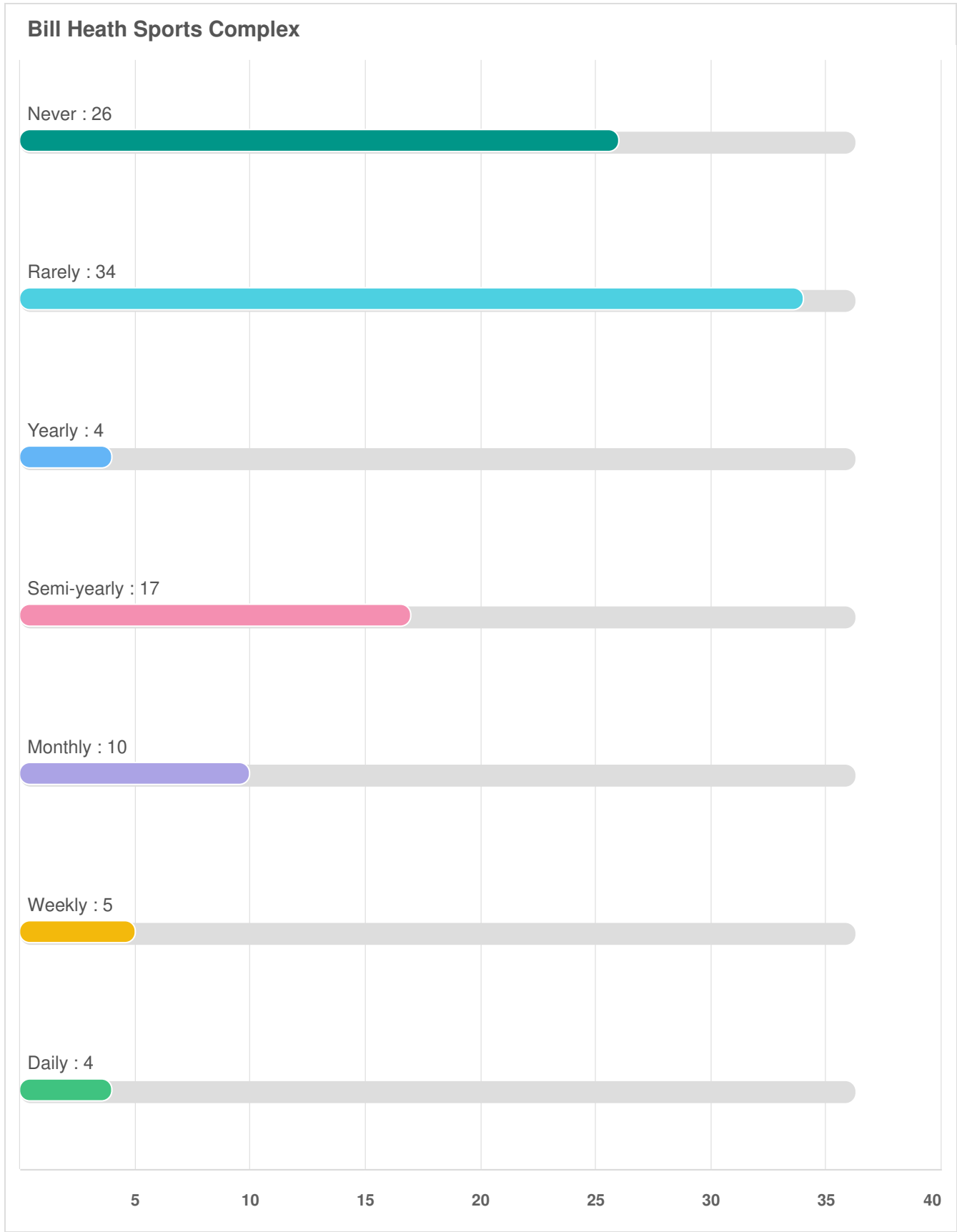


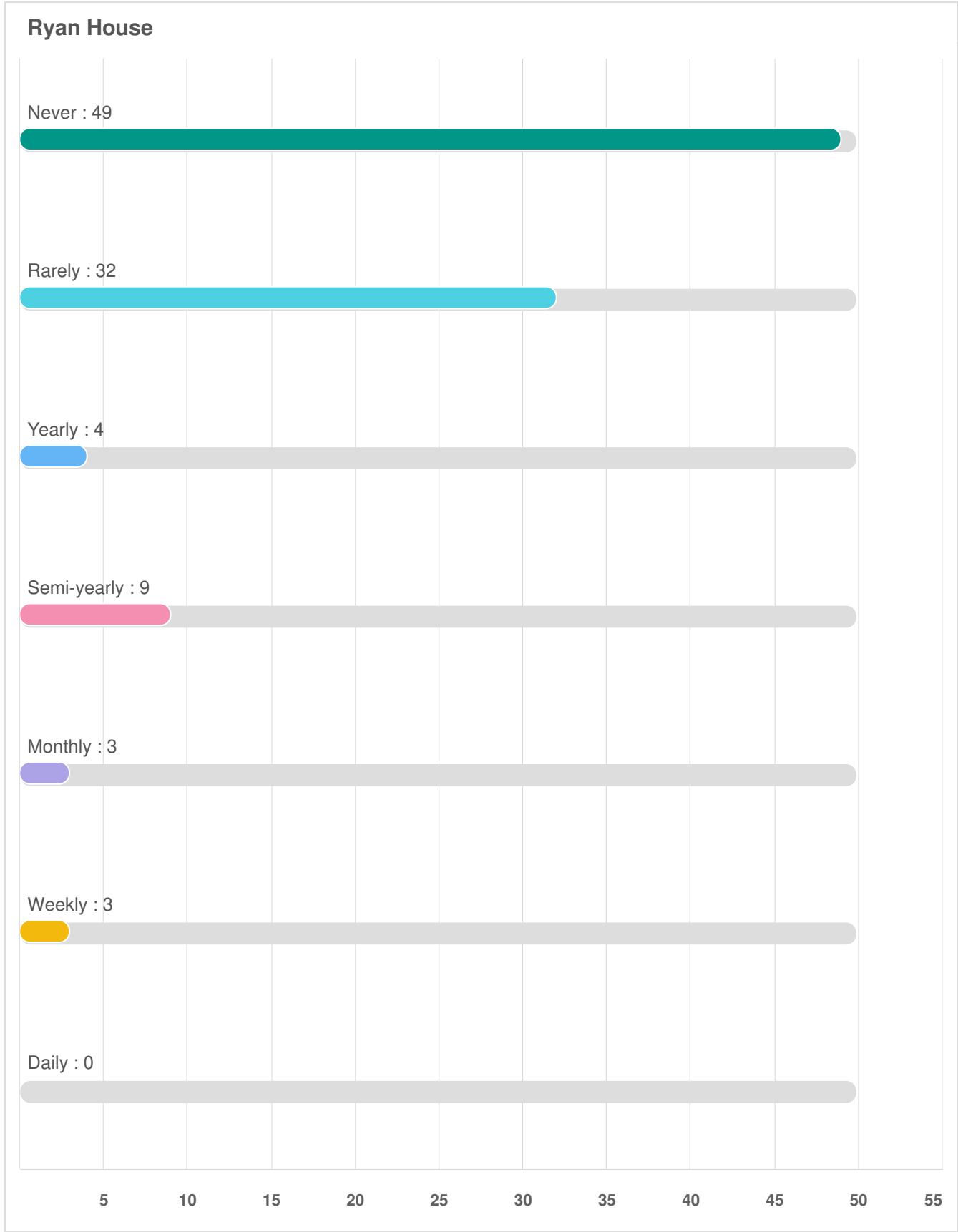


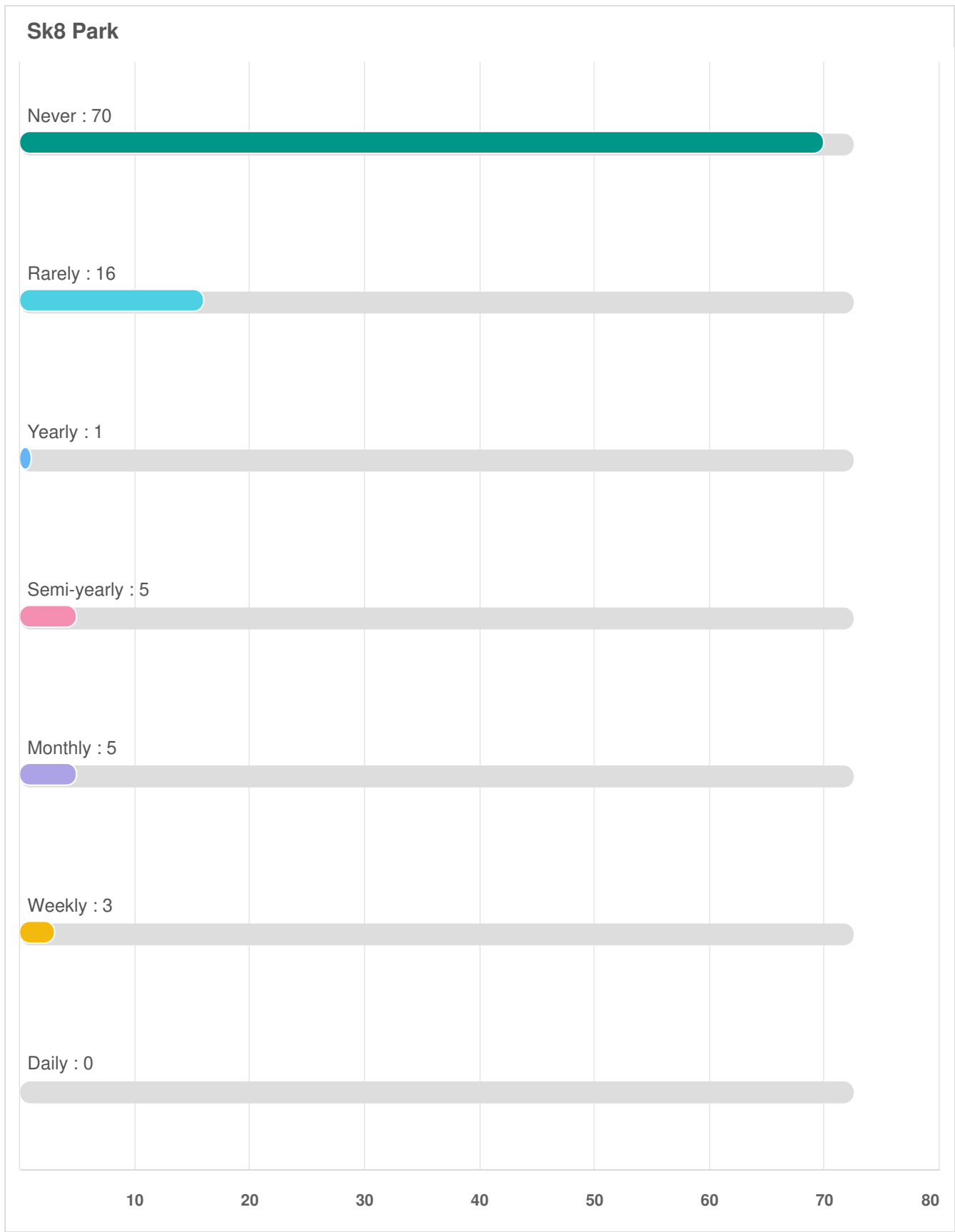


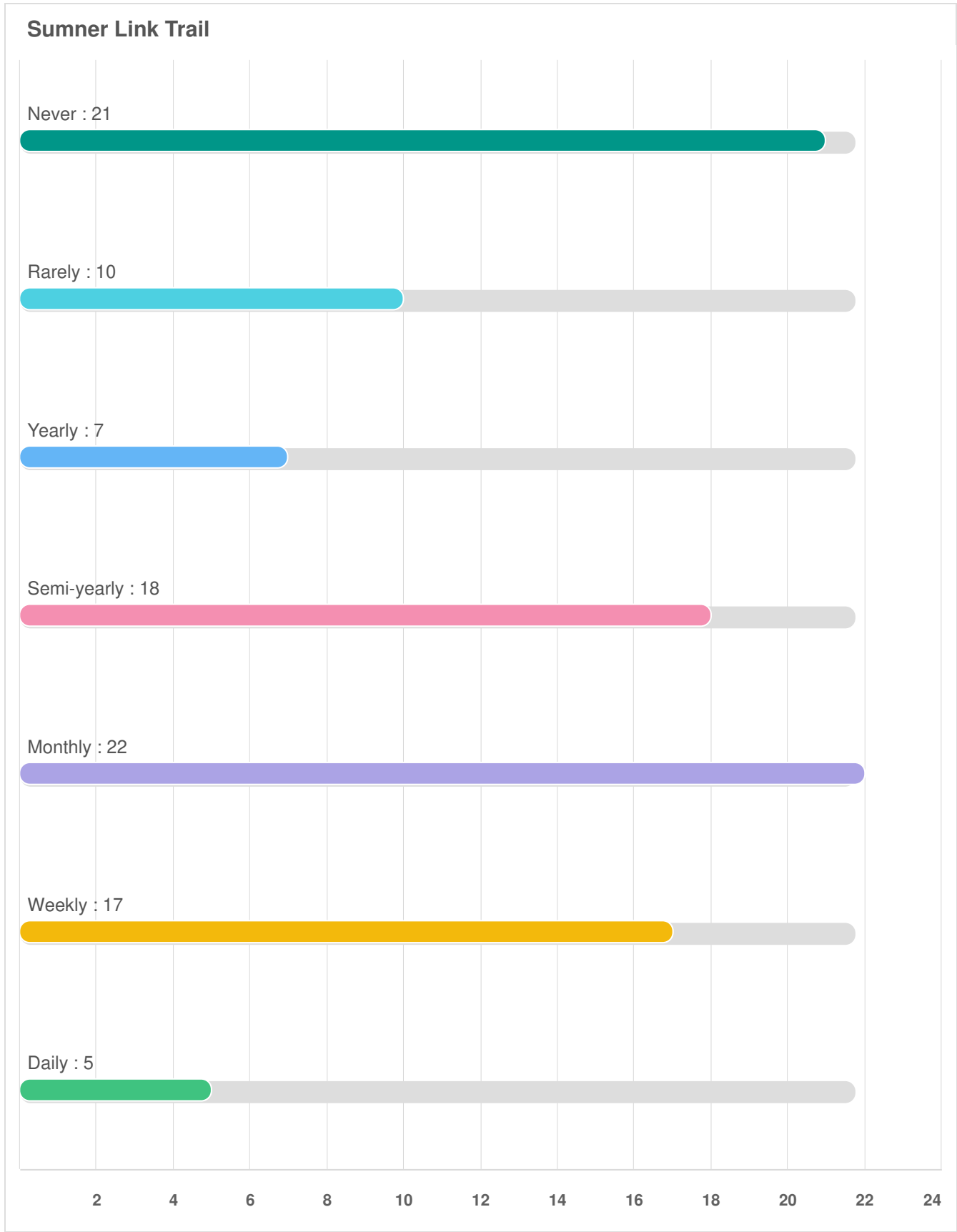
Reuben A. Knoblauch "Heritage" Park



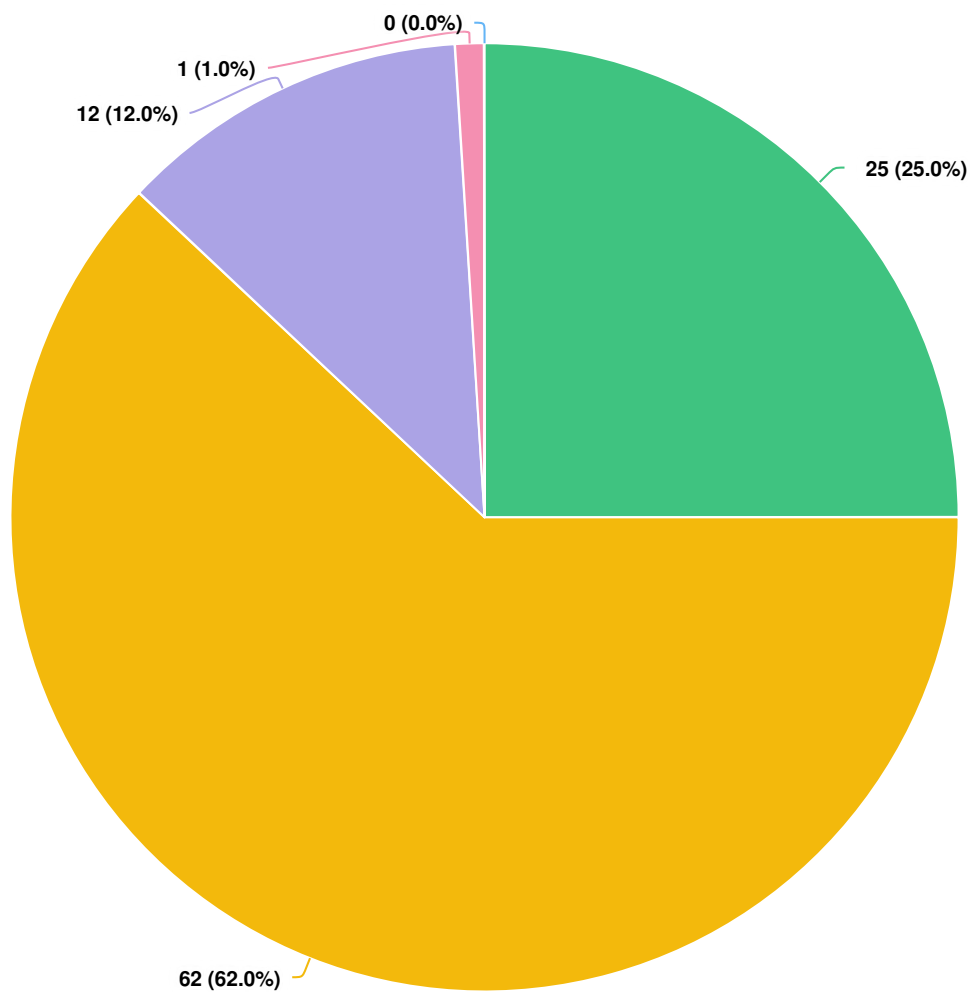








Q6 How long is your average visit to these facilities

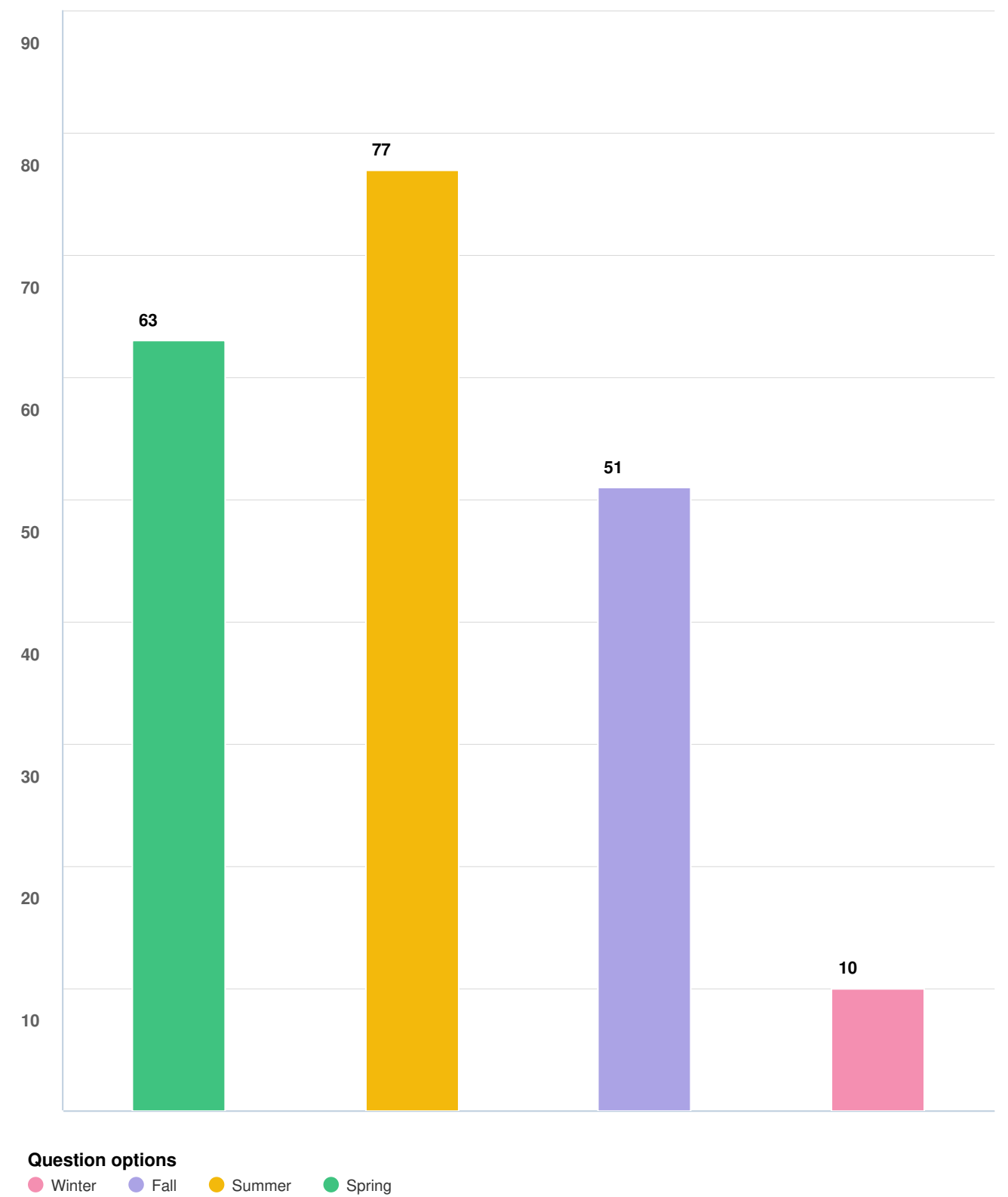


Question options

● 5+ hours ● 3-4 hours ● 2-3 hours ● 1-2 hours ● < 1 hour

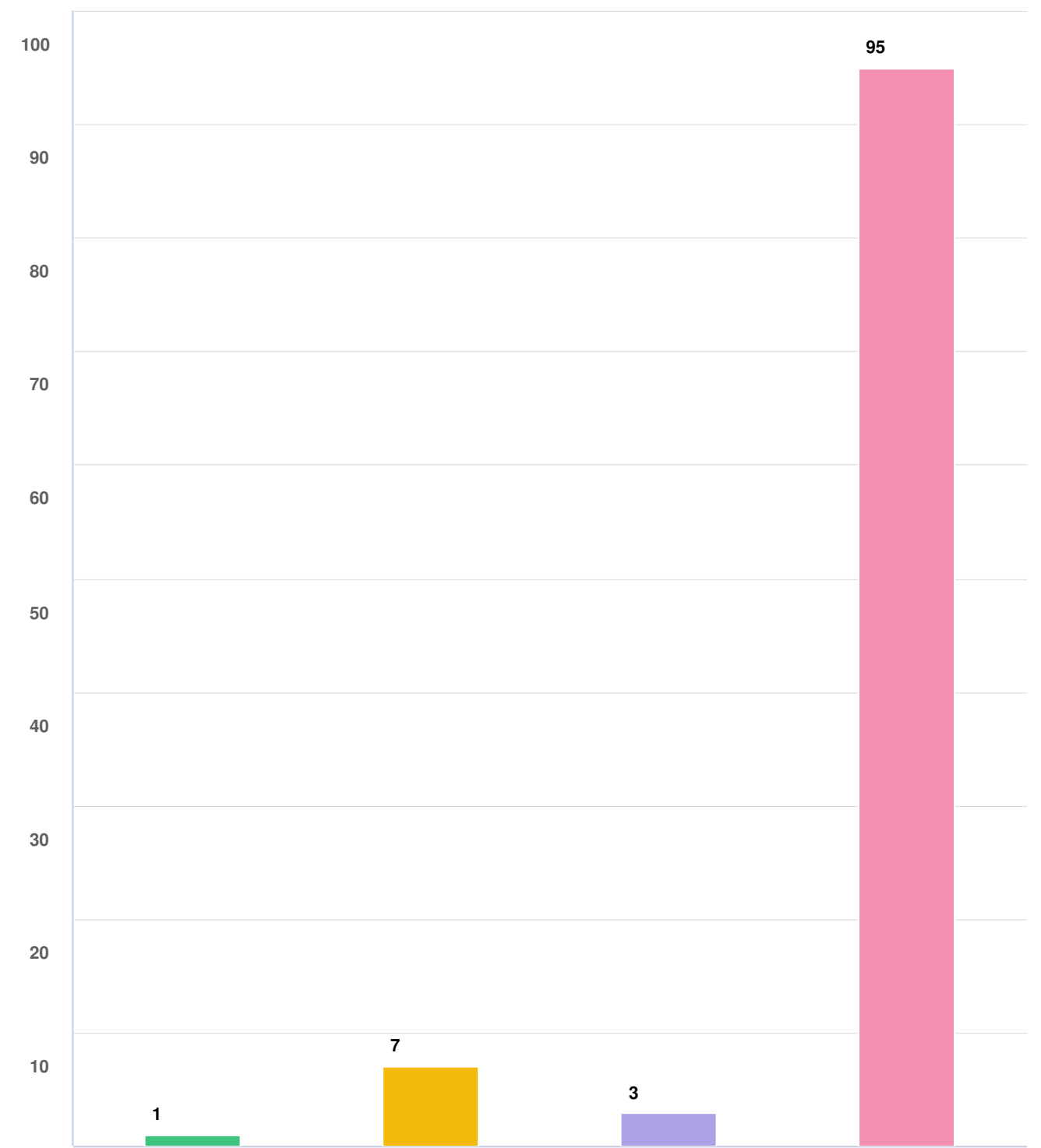
Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 Favorite season to visit?



Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q8 Least favorite season to visit?

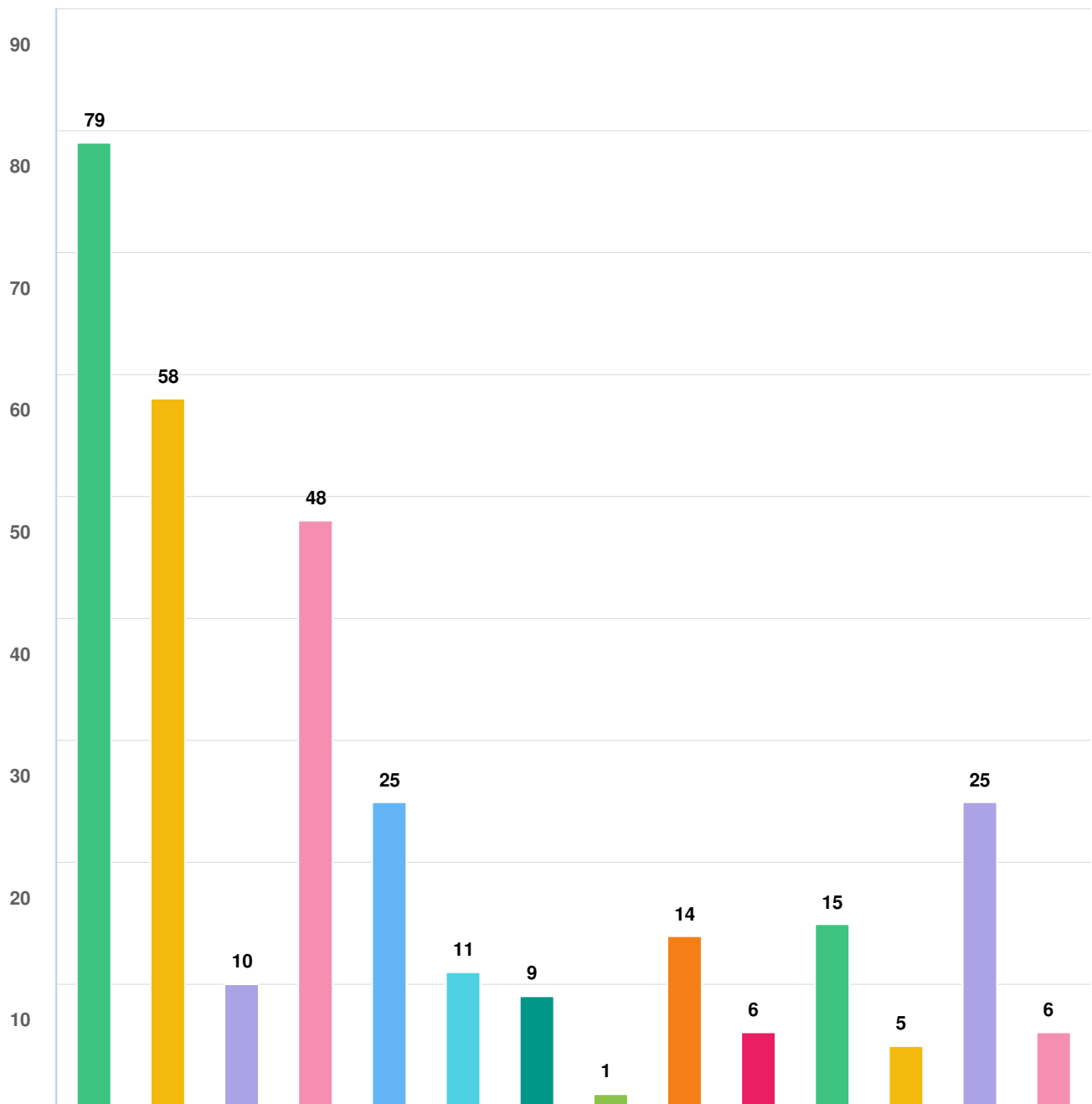


Question options

Winter Fall Summer Spring

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q9 What types of recreational facilities do you use most frequently?



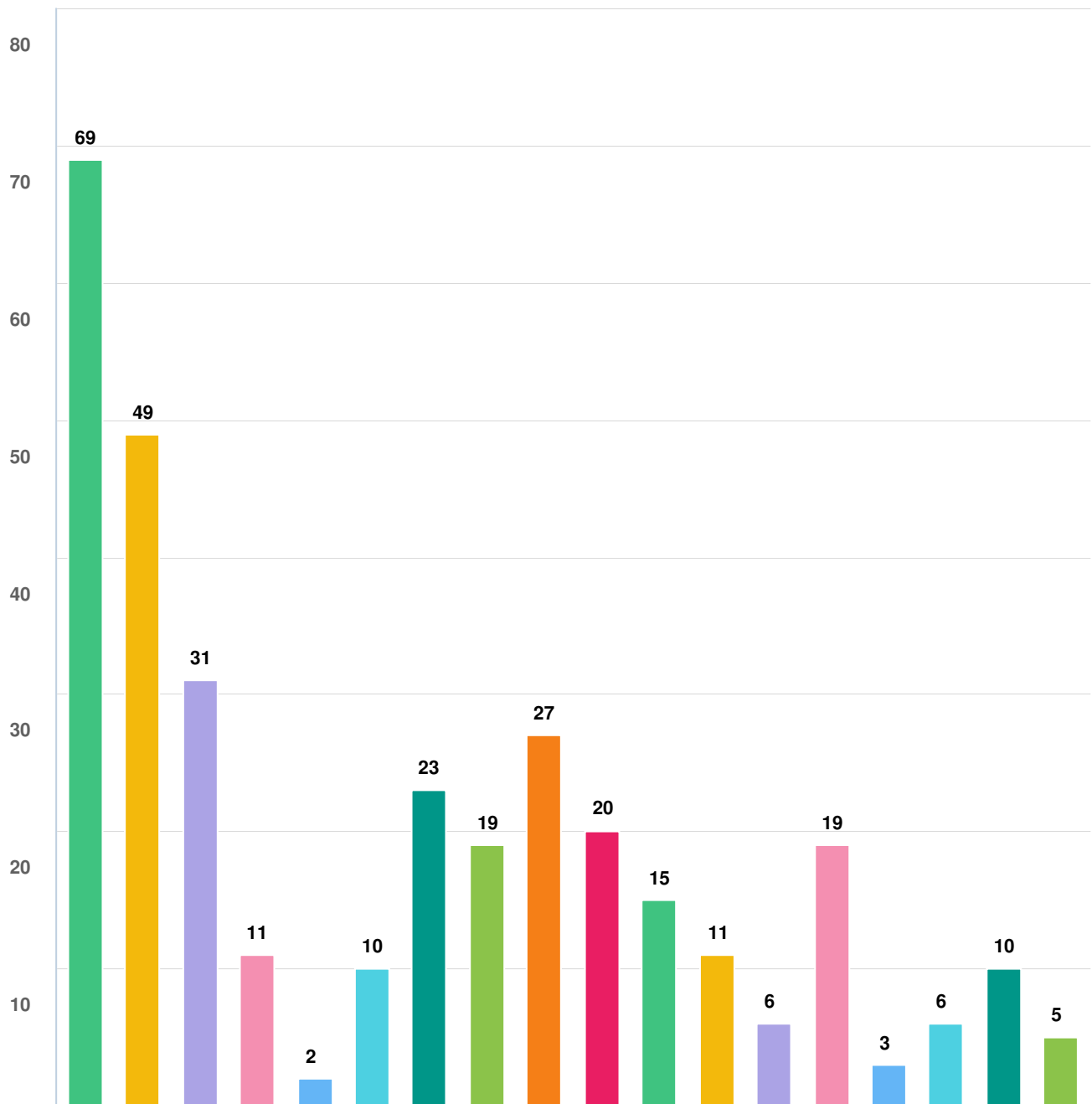
Question options

- Outdoor Game Tables (Chess / Checkers / Ping Pong)
 ● Jogging / Running
 ● Skatepark
- Youth Athletic Fields (Baseball / Softball)
 ● Tennis Courts
 ● Pickleball Courts
 ● Volleyball Courts
- Basketball Courts
 ● Soccer / Football / Lacrosse Fields / Futsal
 ● Picnic Shelters / Covered Shade Structures
- Children's Play Structures
 ● Interpretation (Historical / Environmental)
- Nature Trails / Open Space / Natural Habitats / Being in Nature
 ● Walking / Biking Paths

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 Which of these activities / facilities do you travel outside the City of Sumner to use?



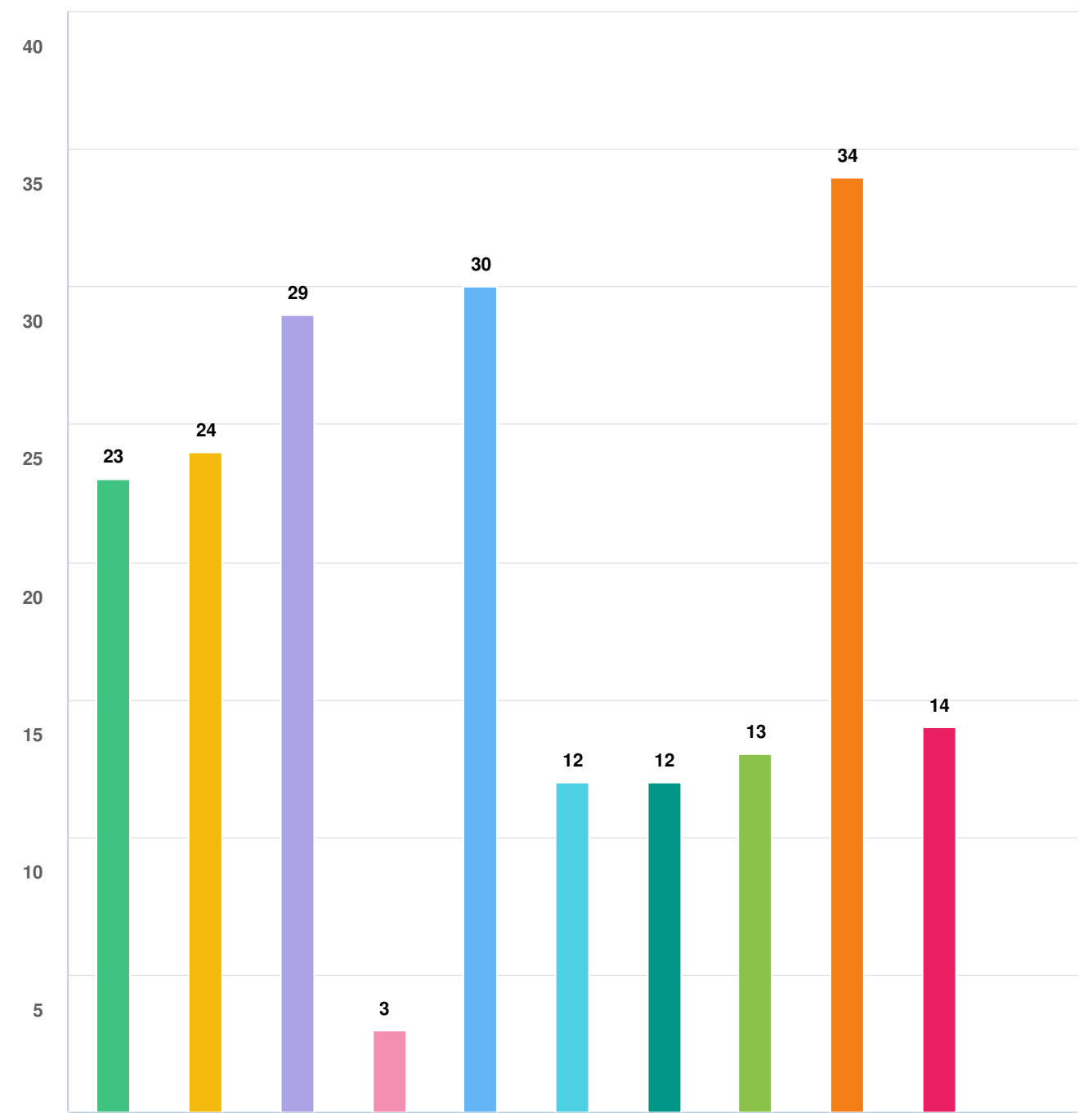
Question options

- Other (please specify) Other / Specialized Play Environments Other Sports Courts Futsal Pickleball
- Tennis Other Sports / Athletic Fields Adult Athletic Fields (Baseball / Softball / Soccer / Lacrosse)
- Youth Athletic Fields (Baseball / Softball / Soccer / Lacrosse) Climbing Walls Mountain Biking / BMX / Pump Tracks
- Indoor Recreation Birdwatching Ultimate Frisbee Disc Golf Off-Leash Dog Parks
- Spray Park / Swimming Pools Walking / Biking Trails

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 What are the existing barriers to your use of Sumner's Parks and Trails

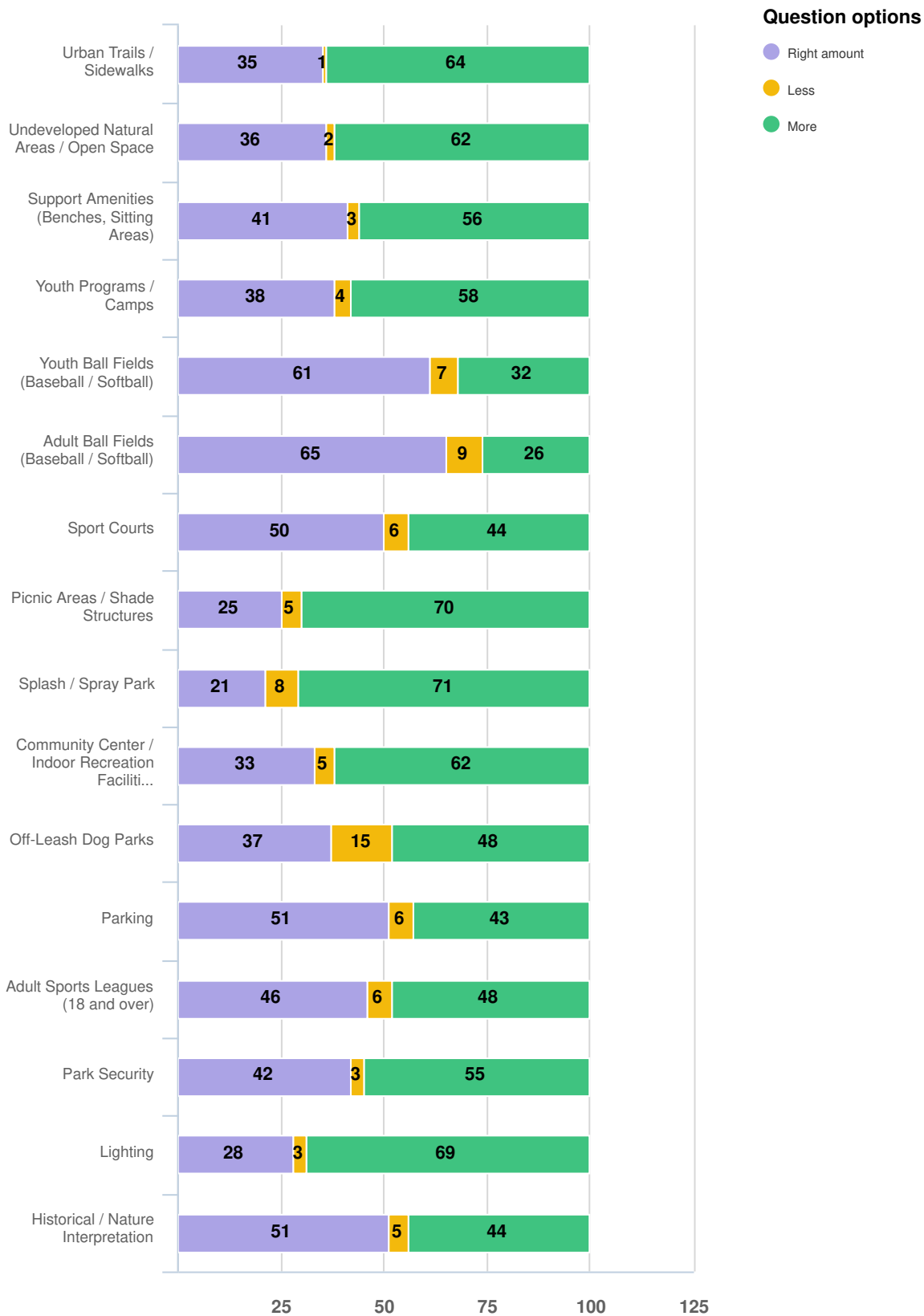


Question options

- Registration / Use fees
- Other (please specify)
- Need restrooms
- Poor maintenance / Cleanliness
- Facilities overcrowded / Unable to reserve spaces
- Too busy / Not a priority
- Security / Safety
- Poor Accessibility / ADA issues
- Insufficient Pedestrian Connectivity to Parks
- Amenities too far away / Not available
- Unsure of what parks and trails are available

Mandatory Question (100 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q12 Sumner needs more or less of the following?



Mandatory Question (100 response(s))

Question type: Likert Question

Q12 | Sumner needs more or less of the following?

Urban Trails / Sidewalks

Right amount : 35



Less : 1



More : 64



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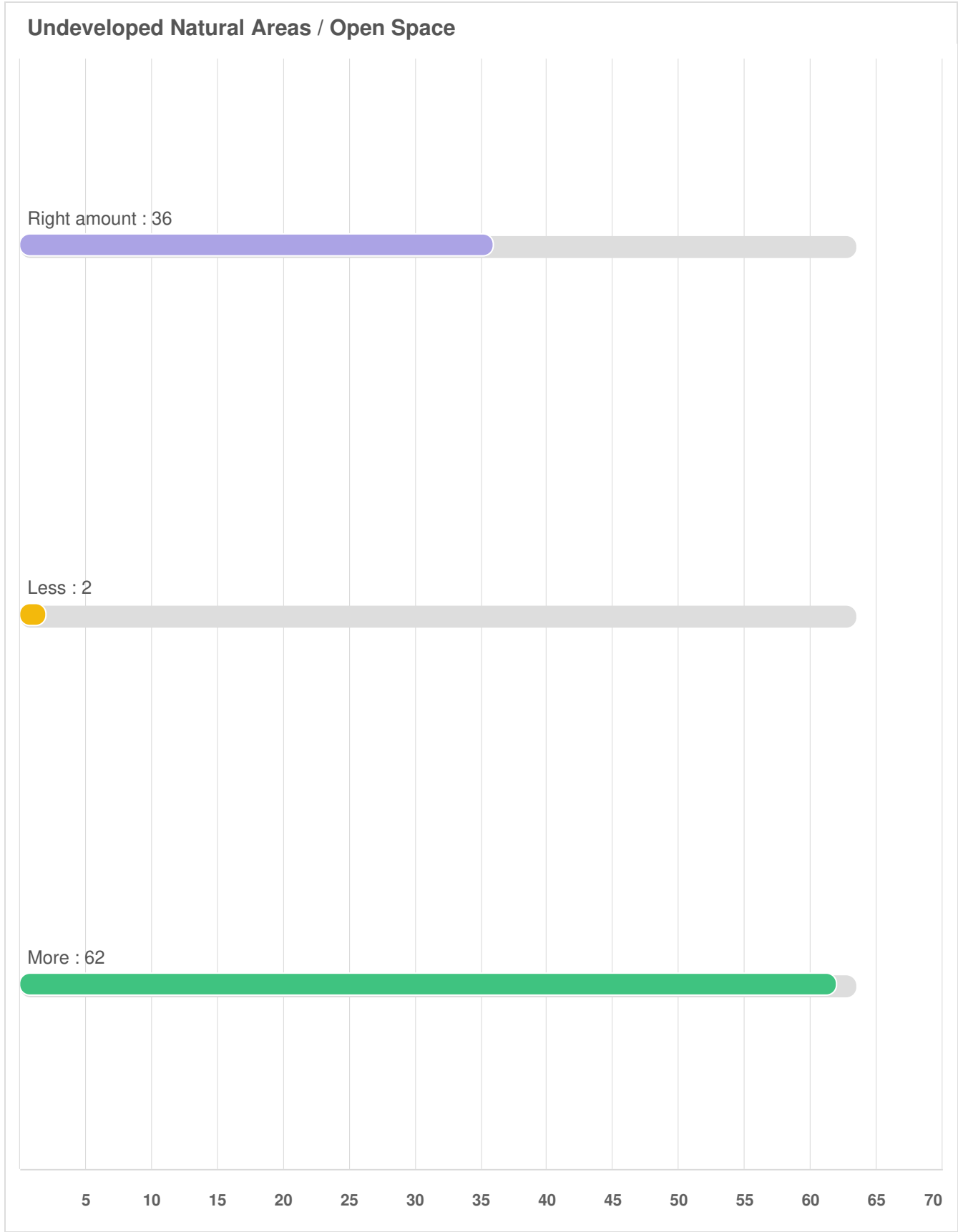
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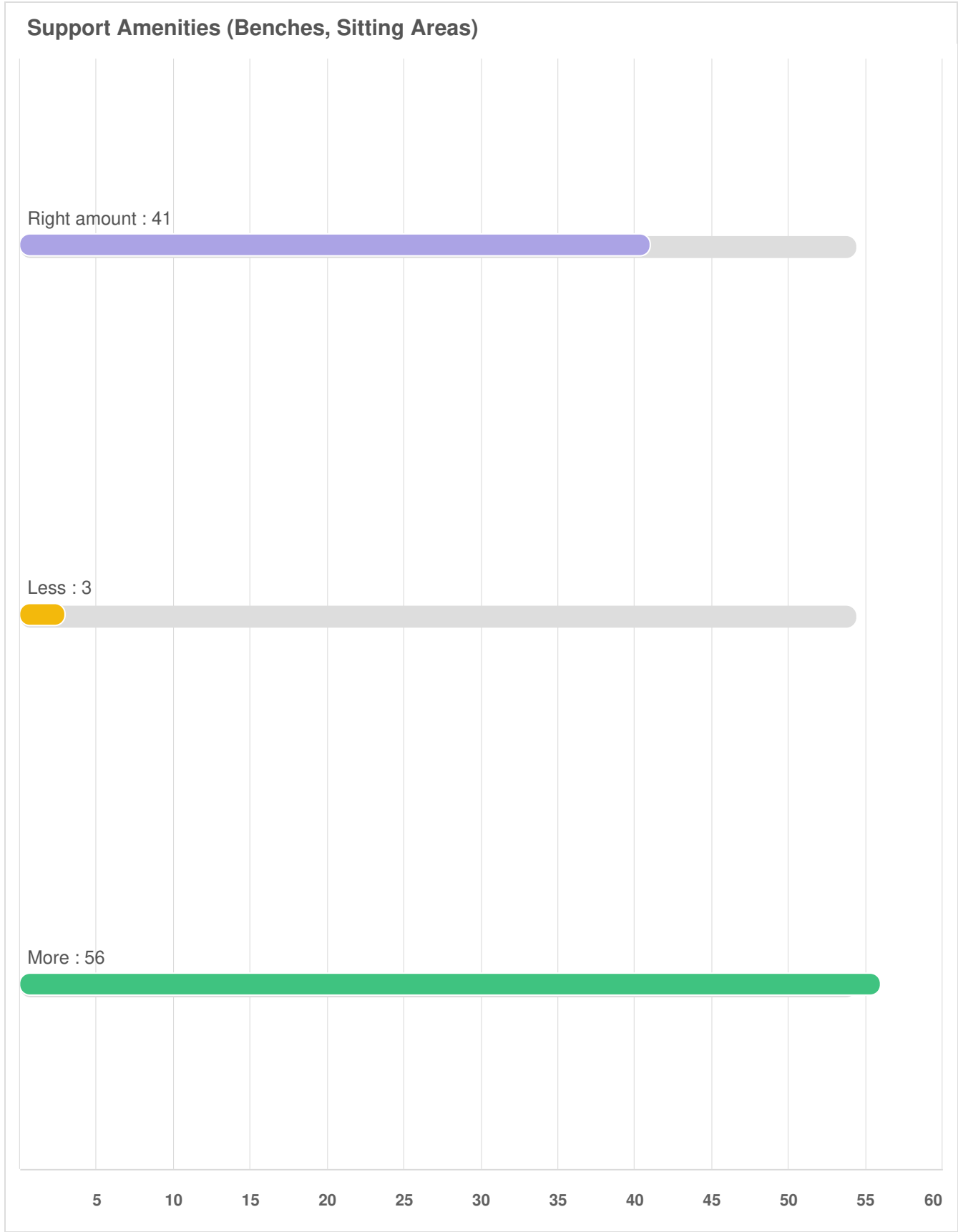
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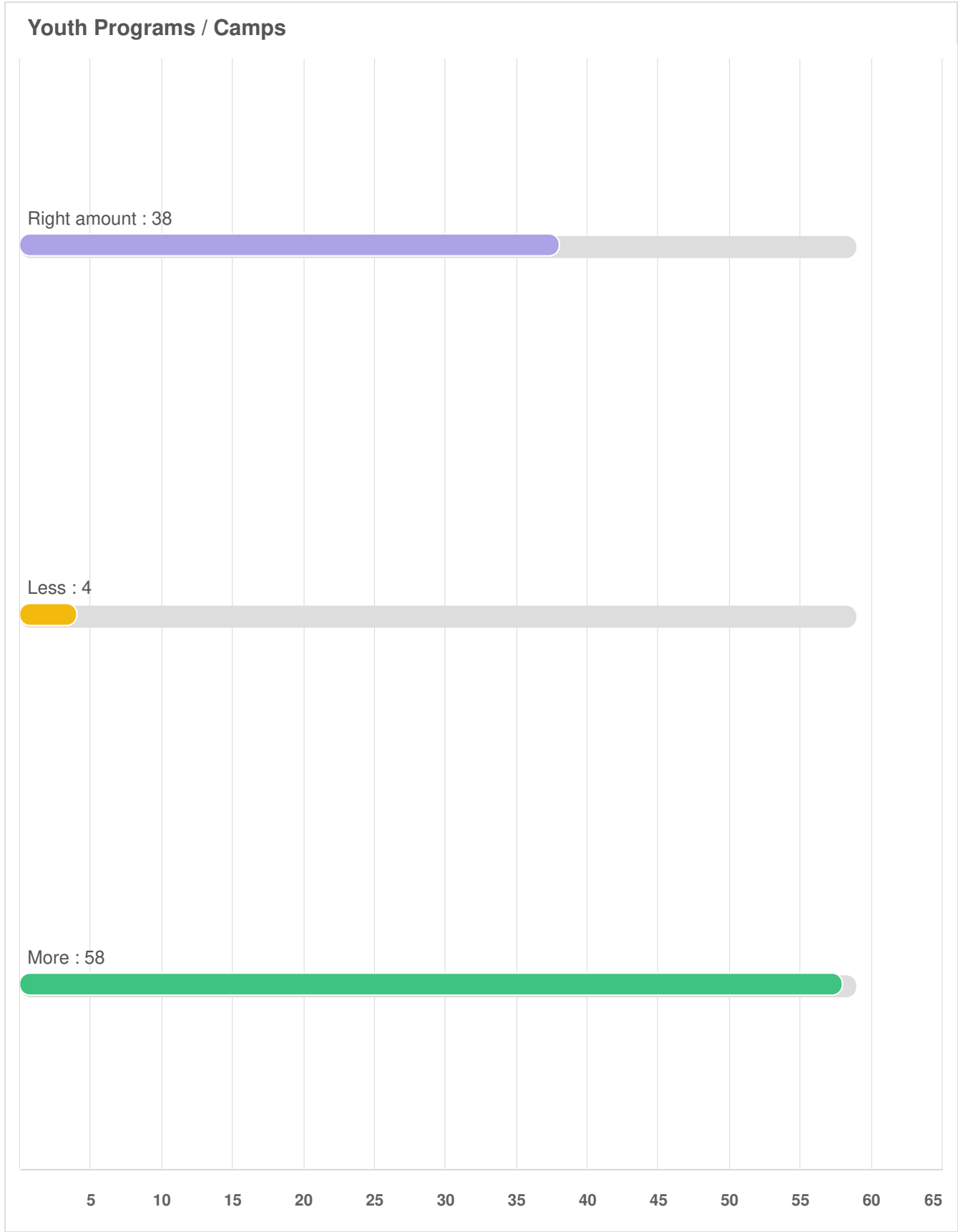
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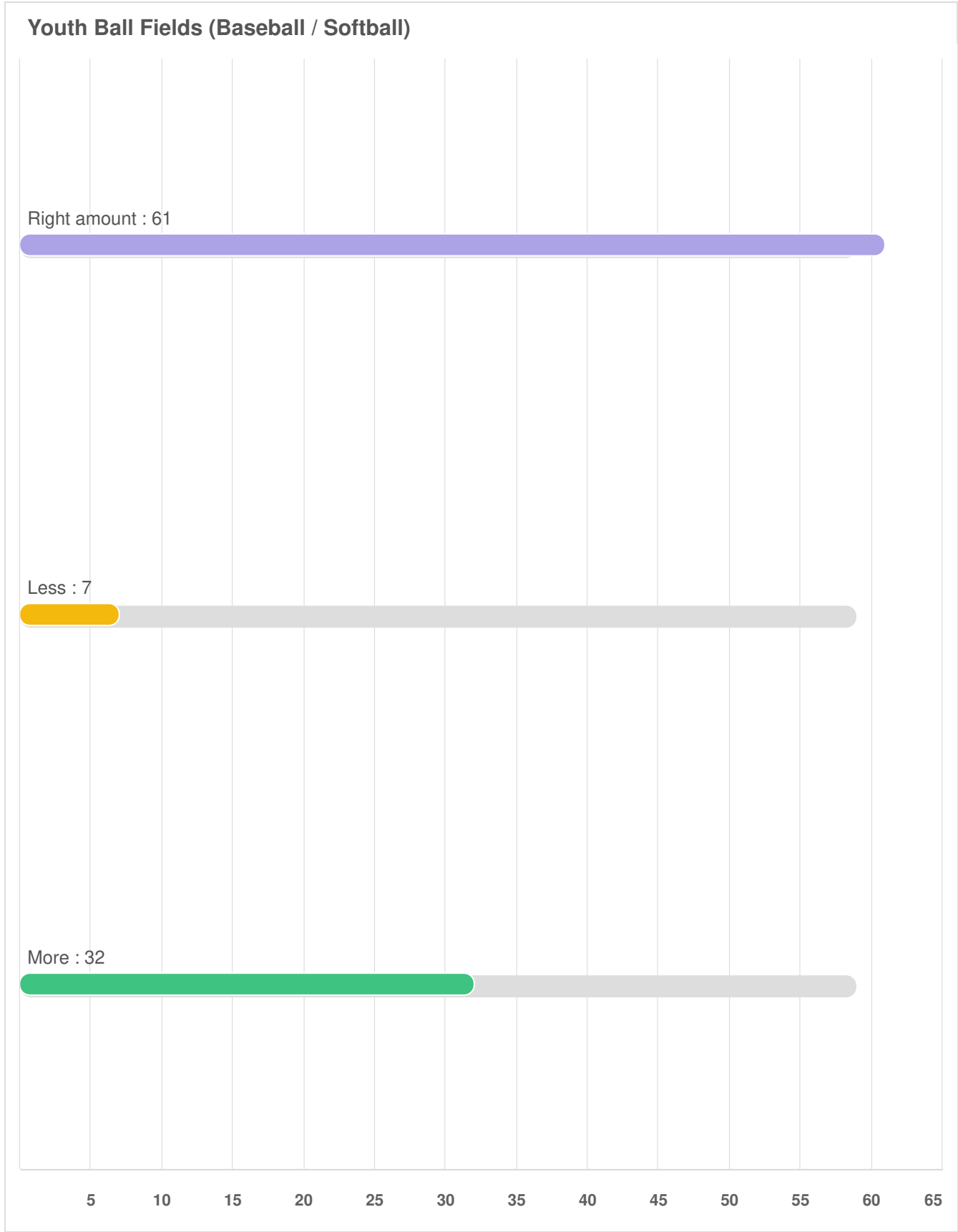
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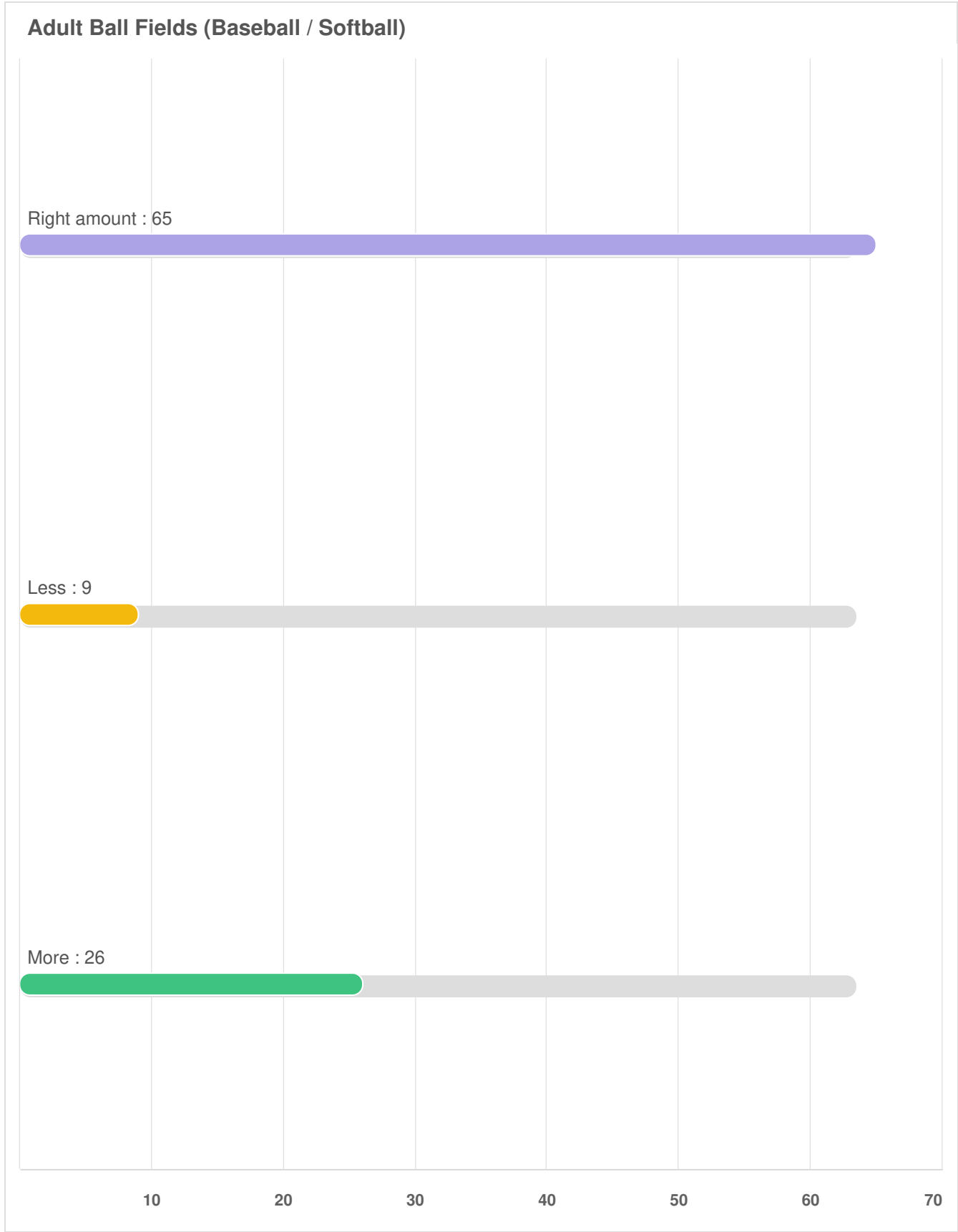
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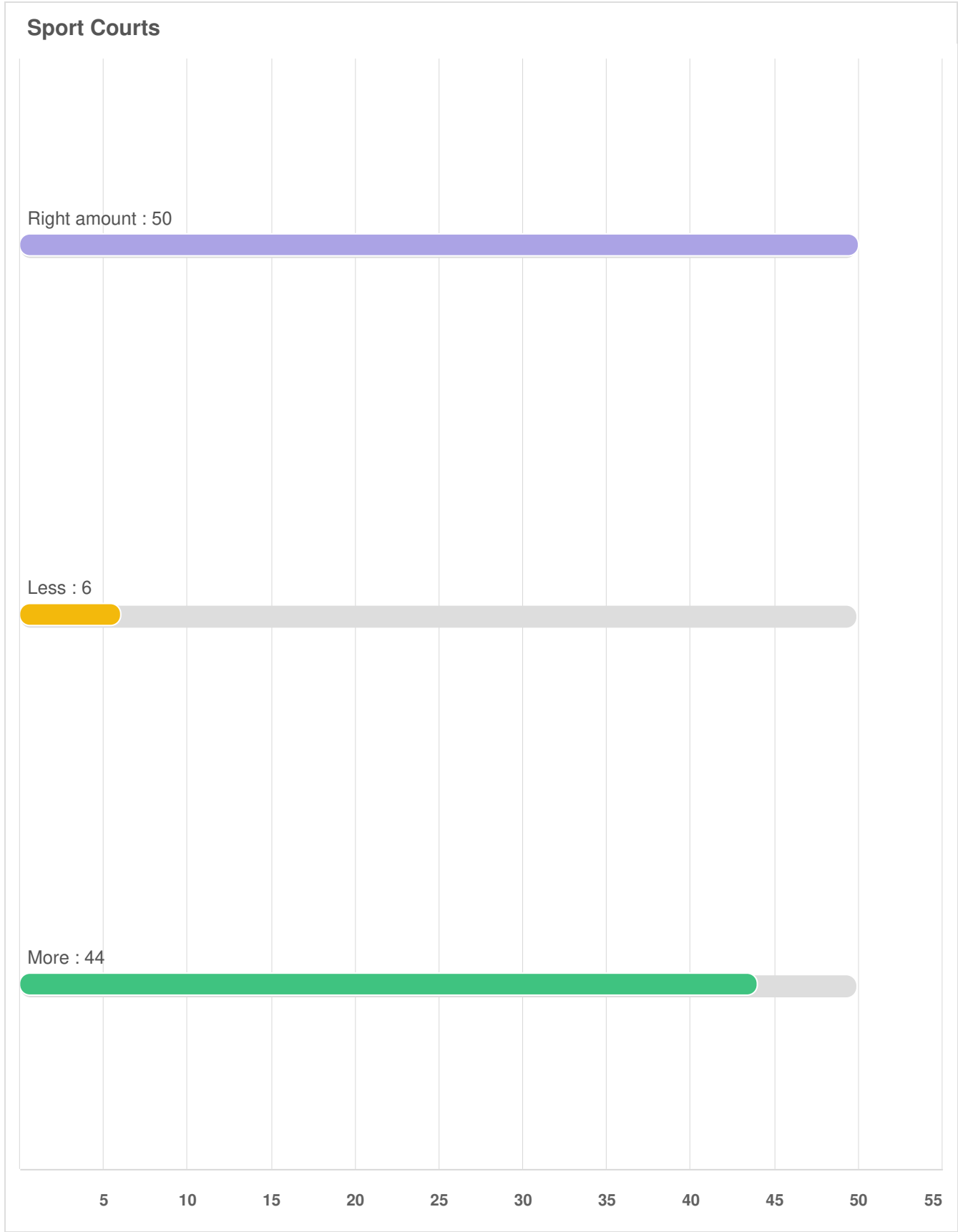


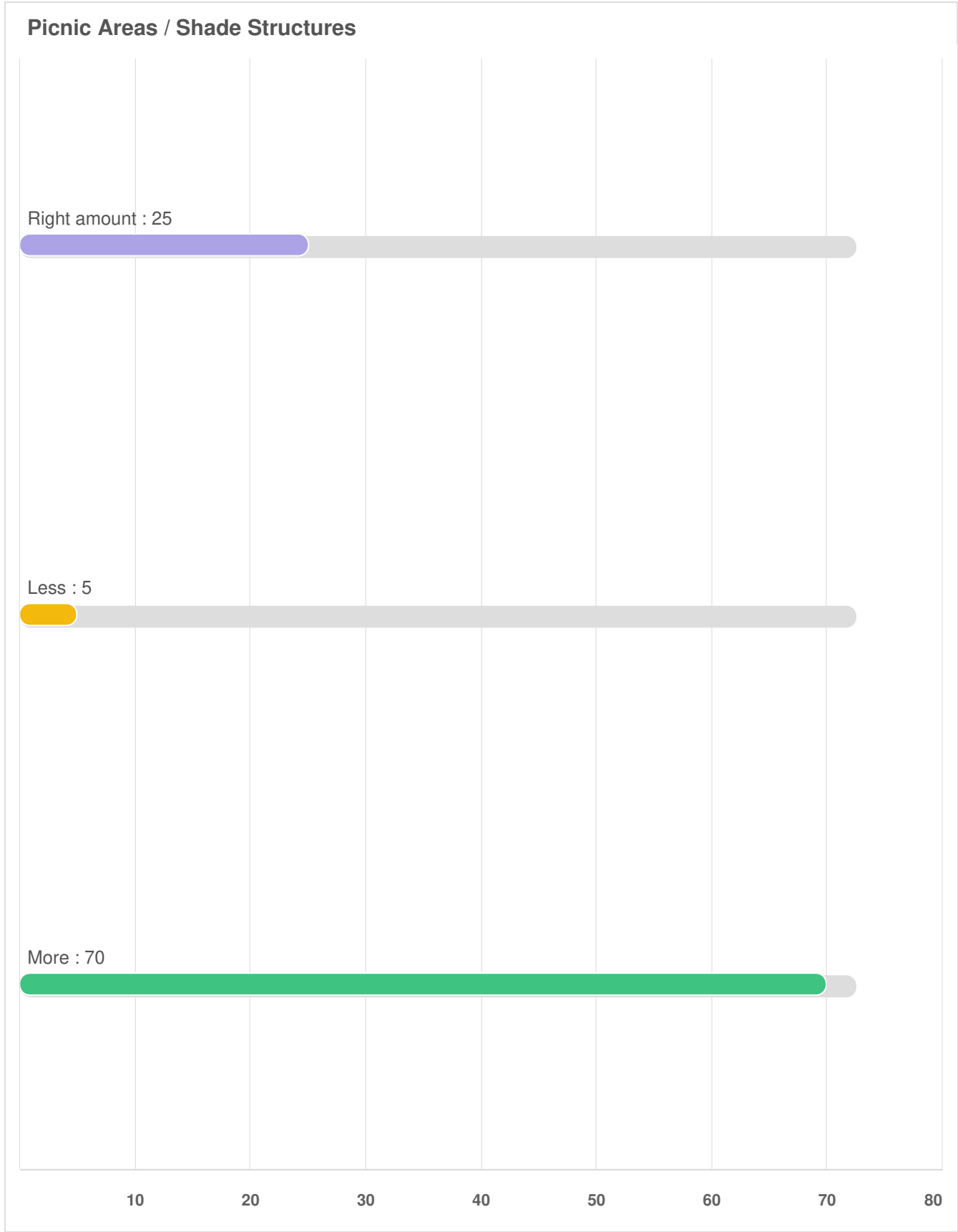


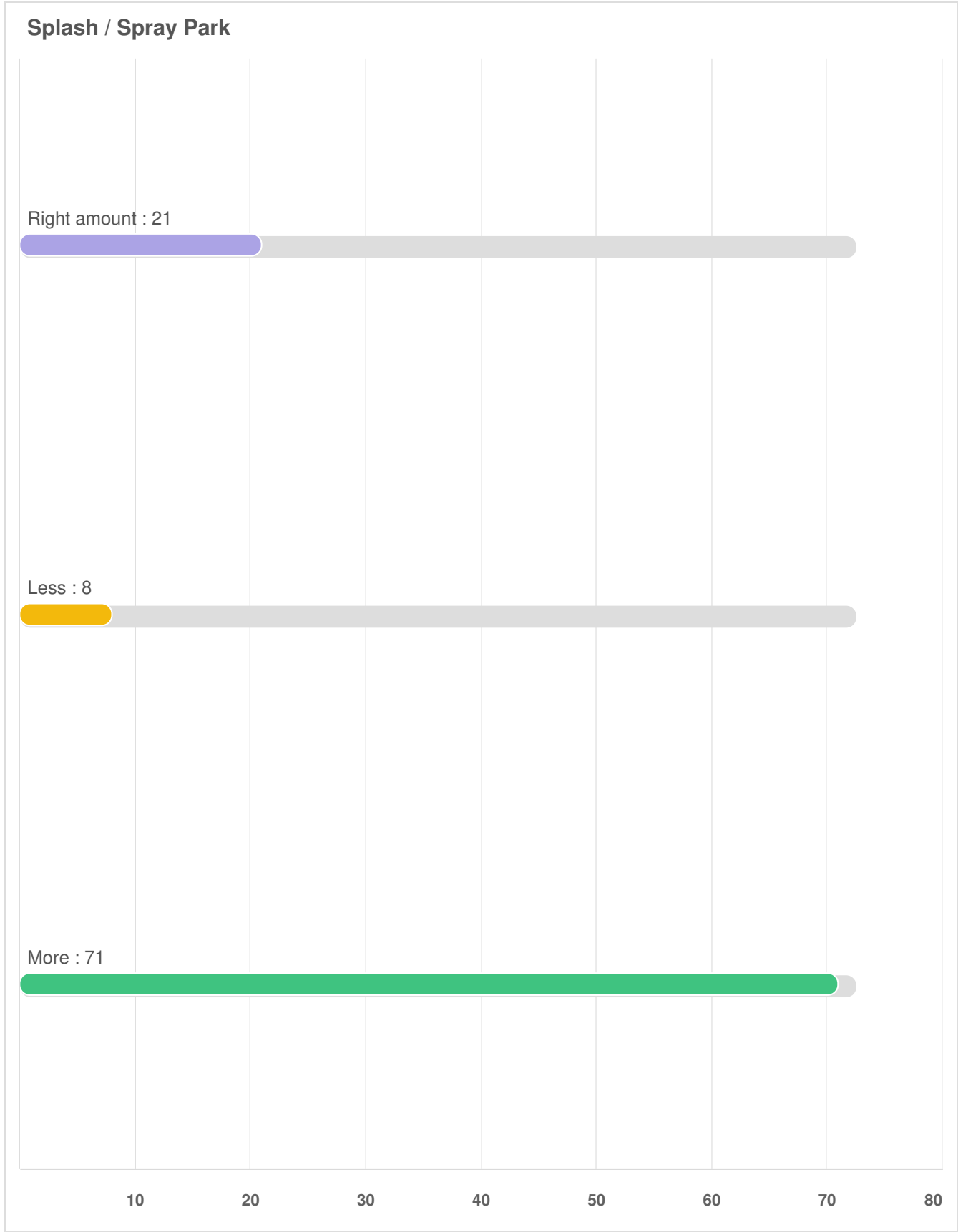


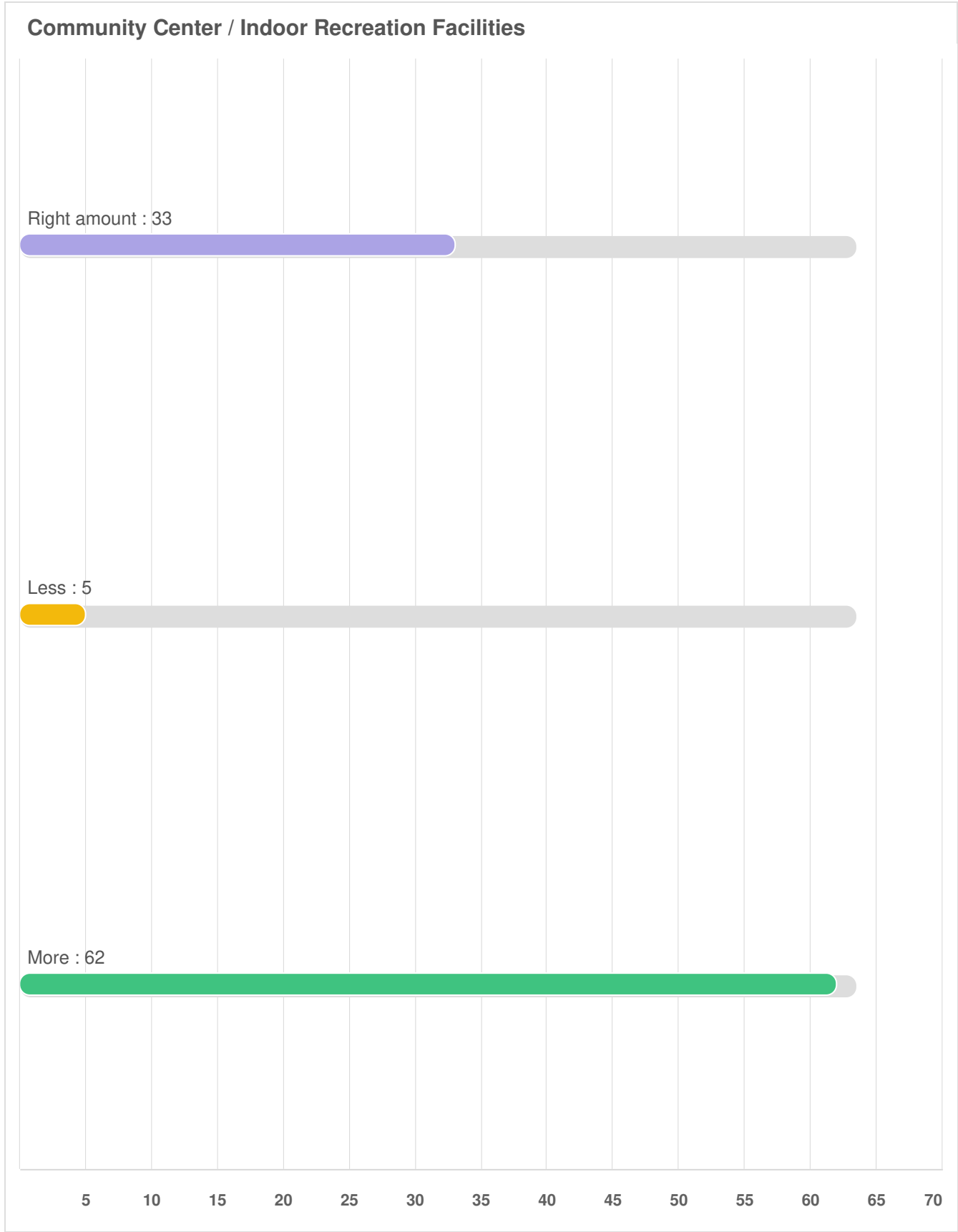


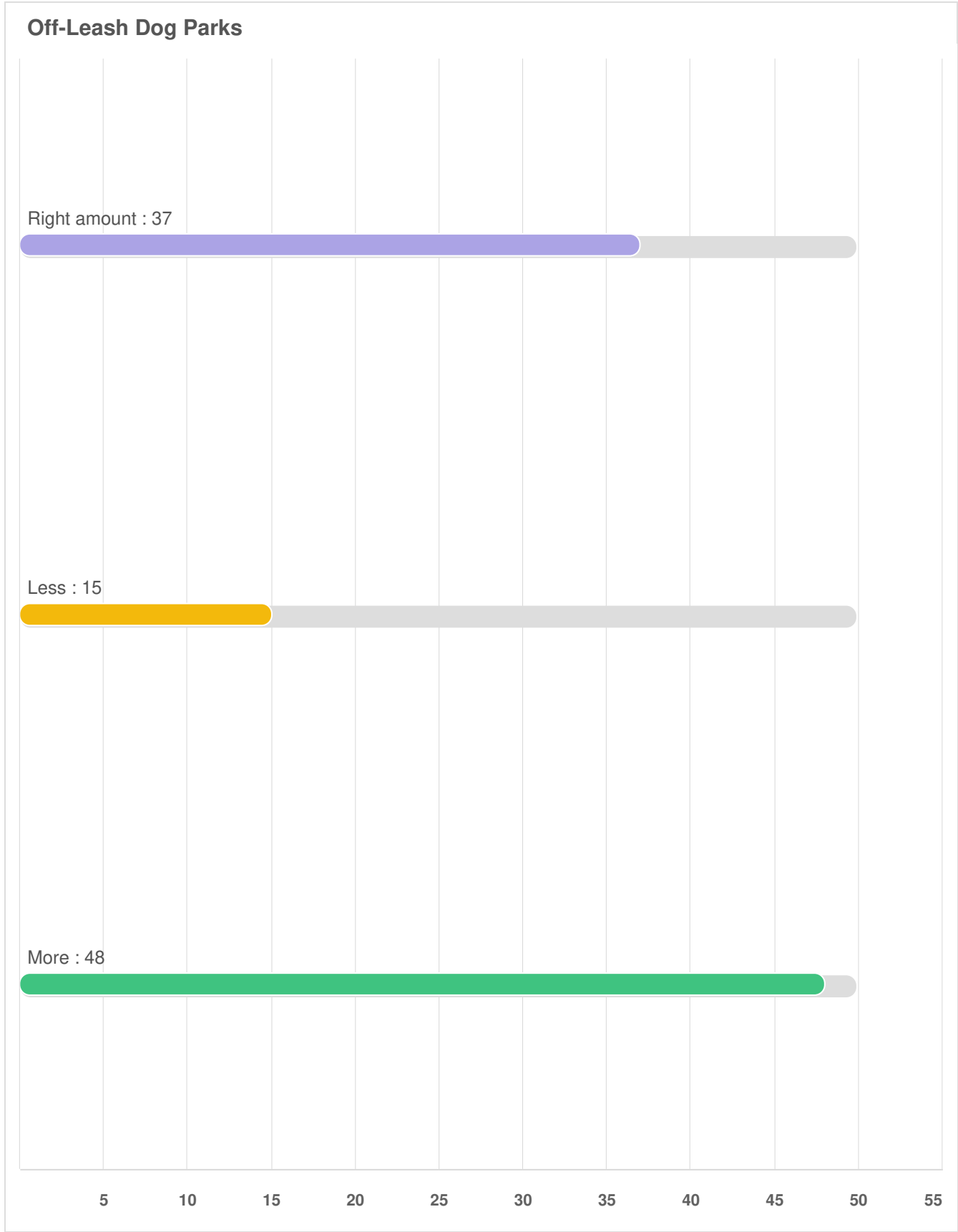


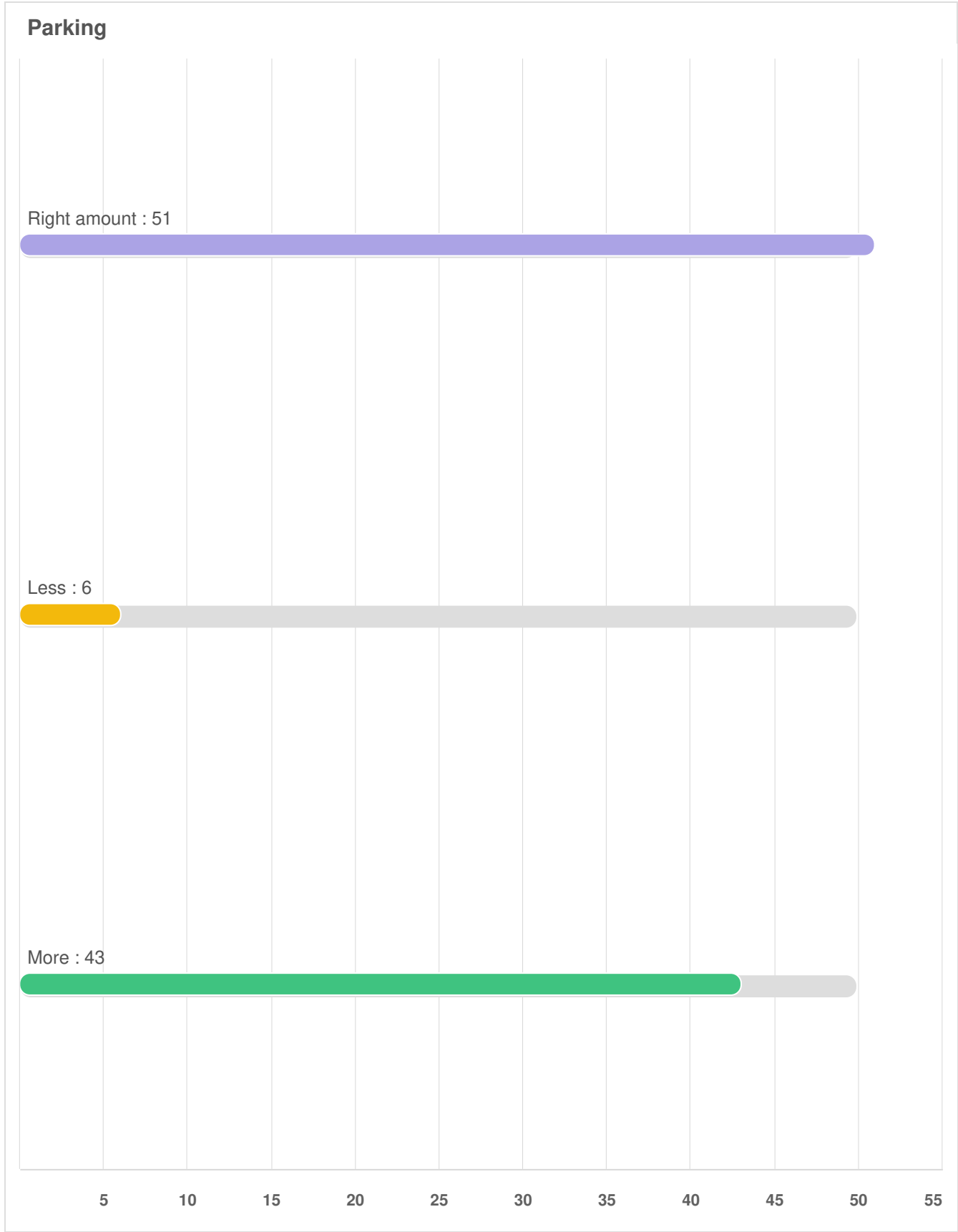


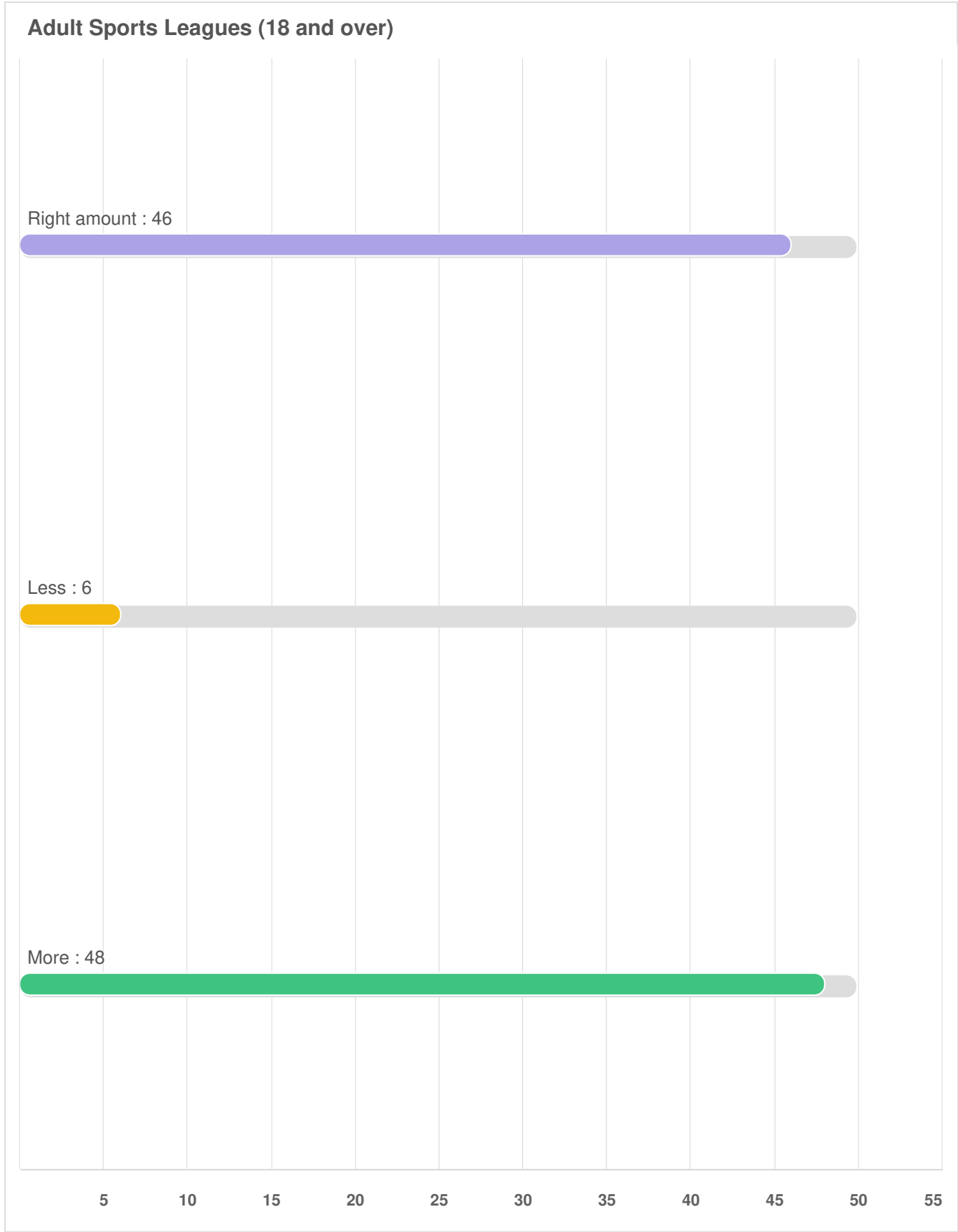


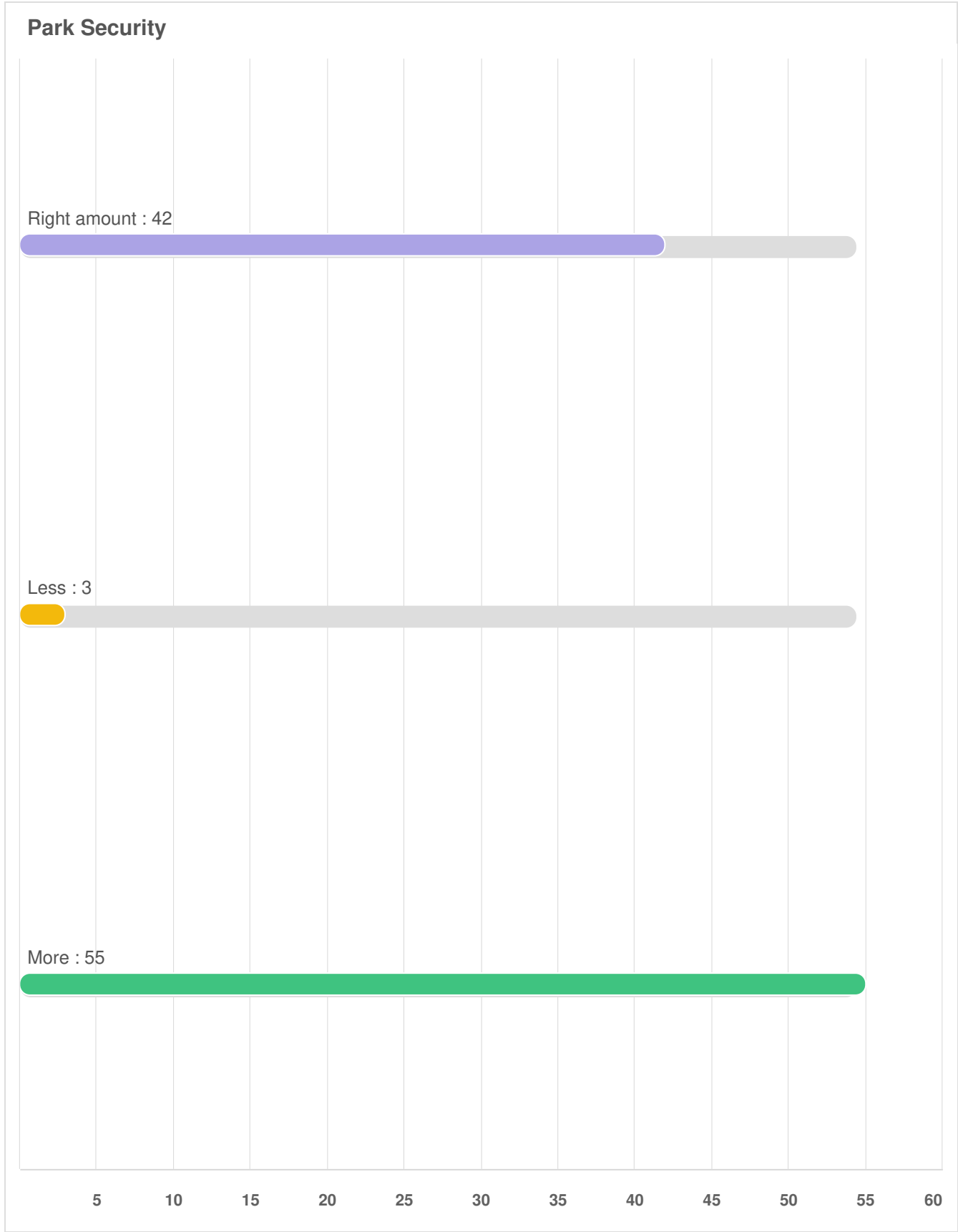


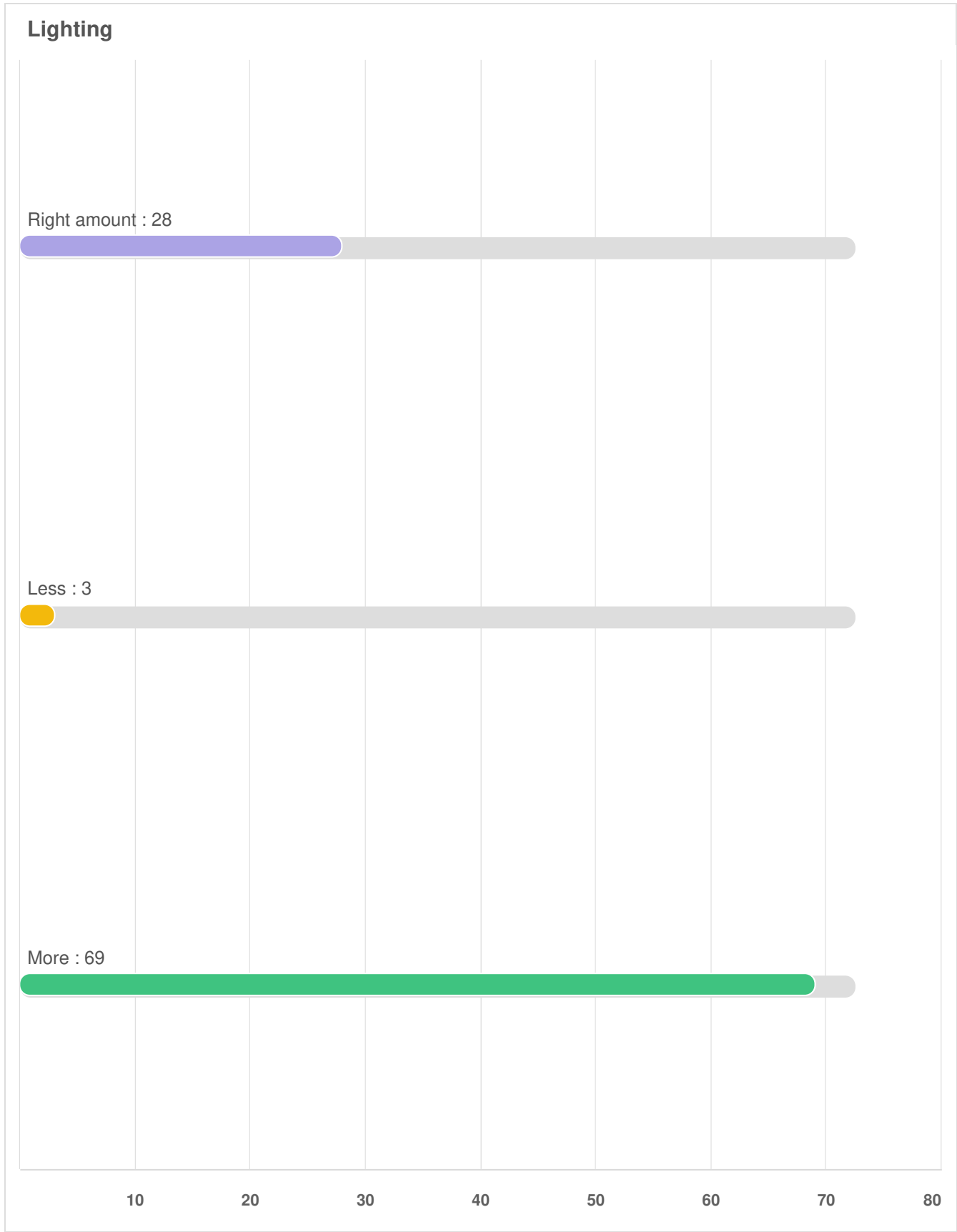


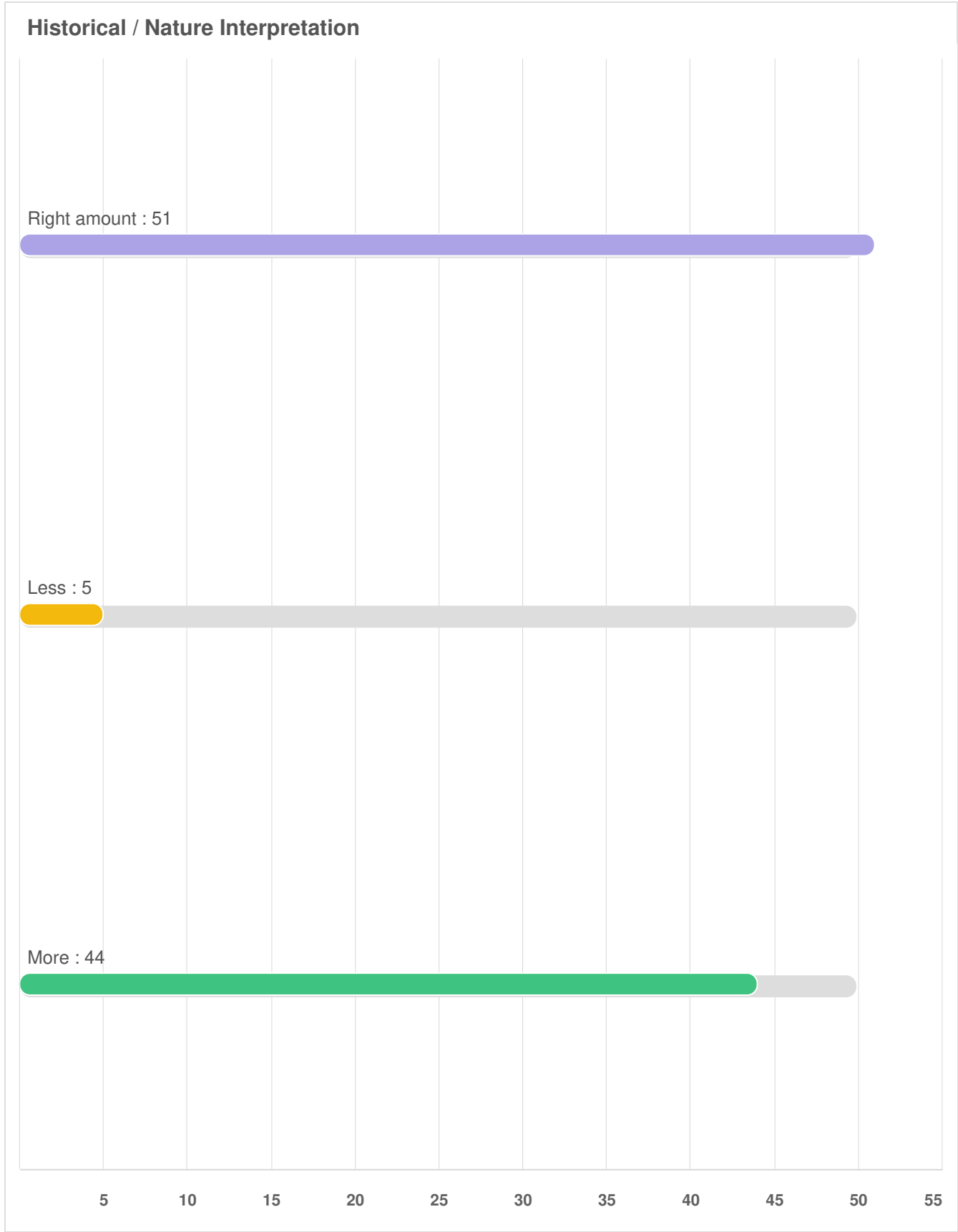












Survey for Map - 3018

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

14 June 2019 - 17 March 2024

PROJECT NAME:

2024-2030 Parks & Trails Plan



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | **Your Comment**

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:22 PM

Sumner would benefit from a nature trail. Current trails are mostly near arterial roads. Sumner link trail is being moved to be adjacent to a rail yard.

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:24 PM

This park is undersized for the neighborhood it is serving.

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:31 PM

With planned growth in this section of town a park should be planned before all significant sized land is developed. A park here could incorporate Salmon Creek as a more natural/undeveloped park.

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:33 PM

Nice quiet section of trail with a grassy area good for river viewing.

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:34 PM

Does not always feel safe to park at the trail access lot. Would be nice if there were amenities at the two rivers point grassy area.

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:39 PM

Land here is for sale. Part could be acquired for a future park while allowing the adjacent parcels to still be used for development.

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:40 PM

Why is this not already a park?

J_Closson

4/25/2023 09:41 PM

Is there access to this park other than the paved trail that passes through it? Are there other trails?

J_Closson

4/25/2023 10:05 PM

Lots of shady trees on one side and an open field on the other allow for varied park use.

J_Closson

4/25/2023 10:08 PM

Park land should be planned prior to this section of town getting redeveloped as mixed use/high density.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:01 AM

New Trail should go here. Sumner does is missing dirt hiking trails with elevation/trees. Could be good for High School Cross Country practice, or for kids and parents to be in dense nature.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:05 AM

This park is unused 90% of the time. This area of town has the highest concentration of apartments, and no access to a public playground structure (daffodil valley has closed its structure from after hours use). Please add a playground structure, which would provide a much needed benefit for the kids who need it most (apartment residents). Possible locations: Remove half of the parking (most little league parents do not use the parking lot anyway). Partner with the school district and put it where the volley ball court is.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:10 AM

Sports complex is unused 90% of the time and locked up. Reconsider if it is the best use for the land. Look into converting it into multiple uses (Pump Track, playground, spray park). Look toward Leavenworth Enchantment Park as example of good mixed use,

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:14 AM

Skatepark is still broken and needs repaired. Seemed to be a good gathering place for teenagers to at least get exercise. Many of those teenagers have moved to Daffodil Valley little league fields where they graffitii the benches and dugouts and climb on top of the dugouts. Since that area is further away from main roads they seem to feel confident in vandalism and littering which then caused daffidil valley to lock its playground from public access. Please restore the skatepark so the kids have a designated place where they can skate, and congregate closer to a main road where there can be more eyes/police presence.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:16 AM

Tennis Court net has been broken for probably about 5 years now. Needs to be fixed now that pickelball is more popular and the courts are getting good use.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:18 AM

New playground should go in next to where the new park is. Just like Pioneer Park and the Puyallup Public Library.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:19 AM

Love the shady trees. Please plant more whenever possible.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:20 AM

Missing Shade near play structure. It gets very hot for parents sitting there.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:22 AM

While I like that the city has provided a dog park, it is a little too bare bones. Maybe find a better dog park location with more trails/trees (like how Viking Dog Park in Bonney Lake, or Hounds Hollow in

Tehale)

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:24 AM

Add a creative different type of play structure. Like the play structure at Hawks Landing Park in Tehale (18819 Eagle Ridge Dr E Bonney Lake)

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:29 AM

Fenced Off Leash Dog Park could go here. Users could park at 24th St E and walk across the bridge to it. It could be more of a wooded dog park like Viking Dog Park in Bonney Lake. This is close to the sumner meadows property that residents were unofficially using as a dog park so there is an audience in that area already.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:30 AM

Love this trail for biking with families. Great job with bridges and being amongst the trees. It is better for biking than walking.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:30 AM

Like the view of the mountain and the soft surface playground.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:32 AM

Large meadow is underused. Sumner is so flat, kids dont get much learning experience riding bikes on hills, put in a Pump Track so Kids can experince hills when learning to ride bikes.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:34 AM

Need more of an attraction. Mostly just fishermen use this park seasonaly. Look to put in like a nature playground to make parents/kids want to use the park more.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:35 AM

This is a beautiful spot with lots of established trees and views. Please whatever hapens to this lot try to keep public access and keep the large shady trees.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:37 AM

Great spot for movies and music. Make sure there is a spot for children to run and play that doesnt inturrupt any type of stage setup you would have for movies/music.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:38 AM

I like the history, just needs to be made more inviting. Public Garden, swings, anything to get more use out of it and make people want to use it as the communities "front yard" to play and relax.

SumnerResident

Permanant recreation structure. Like Ping Pong, or Concrete corn

5/03/2023 09:40 AM

hole.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:41 AM

Spray Park location. This park seems to be underused/complaints about loitering. If you made it community attraction with the only spray park for the city residents from other parts of town will use the park more and cut down on the loitering complaints.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:43 AM

New Trail so kids and parents can learn and explore Salmon Creek, it could then connect to East Main St where population is growing.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:44 AM

Agree that a new park needs to be in this area that is having so much growth. All the apartments and townhomes means those residents need access to places to play/be in nature.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 09:45 AM

Possible spot for a permanent dog park

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 04:40 PM

In past summers the school district closed these fields from daytime use and restricted it to the day care use only. So in the summer between not having access to these fields, and the Bill Heath field being locked from use also, this makes for a large area totally unusable by general public for durring the summer. Work with the school district to keep these field open for use, and make the Bill Heath field multi puprose so it does not need to be locked (remove grass and replace with reconfigurable field to allow for multiple use and not lock it from public.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 04:43 PM

Any future park that goes in rivergrove should be located close to any 410 pedestrian crossing that is being planned. Need to have a safe way to make rivergrove playground bikable/walkable for kids.

SumnerResident

5/03/2023 04:49 PM

Look into expanding the Bill Heath complex to these unused land to the west. Currently with skatepark closed, and the large baseball field locked this is an area that does not get much usage and therefore needs more ammenities like a playground, or more areas for people to use rather than locked down fields they cannot use.

YourNeighbor

5/04/2023 03:29 AM

One of the large areas adjacent to the trail and the wastewater treatment plant would be a perfect place for a fenced dog park. I live on State St, and many people and their dogs pass my house daily, on their way to the trail, so at most times there would be other dogs and

people to socialize with at a dog park there. A large fenced area, water fountain, and place to dispose of poop would be a super resource for Sumner's dog-owning families, and would help the community since that area is currently under-utilized and attracts nefarious activity.

YourNeighbor

5/04/2023 03:40 AM

Well, not a park but maybe some kind of community building? This is a historic building, and I don't know what the chevy place is using it for - storage? But they're just letting it fall into ruin and letting it become an eyesore - this should not be happening to such a historic landmark. It needs to be restored and turned into something else, similar to what the Old Cannery did with their historic building.

YourNeighbor

5/04/2023 03:52 AM

This is a huge area that's adjacent to the trails, and gets lots of deer and other wildlife. It would be cool to develop it into some kind of nature preserve, with better plants (currently all blackberries) that attract deer, pollinators, migratory birds, etc. It could become part of a "wildlife corridor" especially in conjunction with the area north of here that's becoming a natural wetland/flood mitigation area.

YourNeighbor

5/04/2023 03:59 AM

Agree with both folks, with all the new apartments being developed here, Salmon Creek's going to need more to protect it than a 50-foot buffer zone, and the residents need a place to be in nature without having to drive to it.

YourNeighbor

5/04/2023 04:01 AM

What a good job here - so enjoyable to see the spawning salmon in the fall!

YourNeighbor

5/04/2023 04:04 AM

so cool to have exercise equipment right along the trail!

YourNeighbor

5/04/2023 04:07 AM

Perfect place to continue the trail along the river and keep bikes off busy Fryar and Traffic streets.

SumnerResident

5/04/2023 03:40 PM

The school district keeps this fence locked after school. When the little league has games, kids and parents are climbing over the fence to get to the playground. Just another reason to build a playground closer to the volleyball court. Or partner more with school district to keep that fence open. The locked gate is going to cause a child or adult to get hurt.

sumnerparkuser

5/05/2023 11:51 AM

These fields should have artificial grass and become multi-use so they can be used the entire year.

sumnerparkuser

5/05/2023 11:54 AM

This area should be flattened out. It could be a fun field for kids to play different field sports.

sumnerparkuser

5/05/2023 11:55 AM

Any way to expand the footprint? Could be a fun small park for the community.

sumnerparkuser

5/05/2023 11:57 AM

I like the fun play structure idea. This will be a great addition to the community.

sumnerparkuser

5/05/2023 12:00 PM

This park could be a gem for the neighborhood and community. What about lighting, fixing the field for more use?

Daniel Boone

5/08/2023 06:31 PM

Meade-McCumber should be a bike route with seperated bike lane and connect to the YMCA.

Daniel Boone

5/08/2023 06:35 PM

A new dog park should go here. We have more people moving in and it would make a good location for a dog park.

Daniel Boone

5/08/2023 06:36 PM

We need a trail that connects up the hill to Bonney Lake and giving riders these options that are safe.

Daniel Boone

5/08/2023 06:39 PM

Can we get a trail bridge across the river to connect to the Foothills trail? It would make it a lot easier and safer for bike riders and walkers to get to this wonderful trail.

Daniel Boone

5/08/2023 06:41 PM

Connect along Wood Avenue between Academy Street and Meade-McCumber with a bike lane.

Daniel Boone

5/08/2023 06:42 PM

I love the trees at Loyalty and how it is the center of the neighborhood. This park is so nice a lot of other people from out of Sumner come to visit it.

Daniel Boone

5/08/2023 06:43 PM

The schools in Sumner are also great amenities but the stadium has been locked up lately. What does it take to get these opened back up

for the public?

TannerB

5/10/2023 11:04 AM

To go off what Daniel Boone was saying about a bike lane connecting to the YMCA, there should be a dedicated bike path crossing under 410 for access to Winco and all the other businesses at the promenade. Trying to get there as it stands feels incredibly dangerous if you are on foot or biking.

SumnerResident

5/20/2023 05:04 PM

This wetland area would be a nice place for a small trail/park. Kind of like a nature area like Snake Lake in Tacoma, WA.

kamzie13

5/30/2023 02:53 PM

I think this would be a great spot for a community garden especially since most likely the library is going to be moved to another location. The large trees are beautiful and this area should be saved for garden and park space. It could even better incorporate the Sumner link trail as it goes from W Main Ave and north.

SumnerResident

5/30/2023 02:55 PM

Big bowl was filled in with dirt and not replaced with anything. Consider improving this area to have more activity. Specifically find ways for the non skateboarding community to interact with this area. Ideas like: Toddler play area, or concrete cornhole or table tennis or edible garden/food forest

Scottahaines

6/01/2023 08:49 PM

Would love to see this space developed in the neighborhood. Walking woodchip path around perimeter and maybe some picnic benches with tables, and play structures.

Scottahaines

6/01/2023 08:51 PM

Would love to see this space developed more with a gazebo or BBQ stations, etc. I have lived by here for 19 years and have never really used the park except when my 15 year old was little.

Scottahaines

6/01/2023 08:52 PM

I think it would be awesome to have some pickleball courts put in here. That would be so boss to see some community action here on the north side. it is under utilized for sure.

Tombroxson

6/18/2023 02:10 PM

We really need a bike pedestrian bridge across 410 and the Puyallup river. We are right next to a world class trail, the foothills trail. The whole town would benefit by making this connection safer and more enjoyable than going over the Shaw road overpass.

Tombroxson

6/18/2023 02:15 PM

Please prioritize bridging the river and connecting to the foothills trail.
Trails along both banks of the river would also be heavily used and highlight the river as an amenity.

Tombroxson

6/18/2023 02:18 PM

Build a park on both banks of the river and connect with a bridge!

Jesseleewilliams

7/09/2023 06:30 PM

Please widen the Stewart bridge to connect the Interurban trail to the ST trail.

Jesseleewilliams

7/09/2023 08:19 PM

Please provide a connection from the north to the Foothills Trail

Jesseleewilliams

7/09/2023 08:47 PM

We love this almost-complete connection to the interurban!

seagal12

8/24/2023 03:28 PM

Completed sidewalks around the neighborhood that accesses it. Elm needs the sidewalks completed on this end of the park and along the housing across from the tracks

xxx

9/29/2023 03:47 PM

Needs parking at the north end of the trail (Stewart)

werdnaflob

11/06/2023 03:06 PM

We need Foothills Trail and Sumner Link trail to have a safe connection! Please make this happen! Urgent!

werdnaflob

11/06/2023 03:07 PM

Bumps on this trail are dangerous. Please repair.

werdnaflob

11/06/2023 03:08 PM

Please provide dedicated trail not bike lanes for Sumner Link Trail along Fryar Ave

werdnaflob

11/06/2023 03:09 PM

Need safe trail connection to get to interurban trail

mkenna32

3/12/2024 10:22 AM

Paved walking path around the outside.

mkenna32

3/12/2024 10:23 AM

Additional benches in the open field.

mkenna32

3/12/2024 10:24 AM

Pump track as someone else suggested would be great. I know there are problems with drainage in this area, so not sure what is possible, but Sumner as a small town is so bikeable, this would be a great place to take kids to learn to bike.

mkenna32

3/12/2024 10:25 AM

Agree that there should be a designated East West trail (possibly here on Meade McCumber)

Optional question (81 response(s), -2 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Rainier View Park

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

14 June 2019 - 17 March 2024

PROJECT NAME:

2024-2030 Parks & Trails Plan





SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | I love this park because....

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:06 PM

Basketball court, some walking paths, a decent playground

Anonymous

5/23/2023 08:51 AM

Less crowded, fewer older kids hogging the little kid play equipment

Anonymous

5/23/2023 11:16 AM

Well maintained. Good parking. Nice view.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 02:28 PM

It's close to my home and my grandkids love the climbing wall.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 03:14 PM

It's close and has designated parking

Anonymous

5/23/2023 06:35 PM

So close to my house.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 07:25 PM

It's close to my home and a perfect walk and maintained nicely.

Anonymous

5/25/2023 08:37 AM

Test

Anonymous

5/25/2023 09:46 PM

Less crowded

Anonymous

5/26/2023 09:20 AM

The of the great &?safe playground, Bball court, VIEW, covered area, walking paths, trees & tables

Anonymous

5/30/2023 07:33 PM

It's close to home, spacious and in a nice area

Anonymous

5/31/2023 06:58 PM

It is super close to my home, and it has a children's play area.

Anonymous

It's close to home, there are no bums and druggies. It's in a family

6/01/2023 06:40 PM

oriented area.

Anonymous

6/03/2023 05:01 PM

It's close to home and in a kid friendly neighborhood.

Anonymous

6/04/2023 03:48 PM

It's close to my house, has a big rock wall, drinking fountain, walking path, and large open grass space.

Anonymous

6/06/2023 09:59 AM

Art at entrance.

Anonymous

6/06/2023 06:19 PM

It's close to where I live

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:58 PM

Gazebo and big playground area. Walking path.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 08:07 PM

Of the views of Mt. Rainier and the walking paths.

Anonymous

6/08/2023 10:12 AM

of its lively space and surrounding. The people and its community are friendly and socially amazing.

Anonymous

6/08/2023 04:55 PM

Its near our home

Anonymous

6/10/2023 09:25 AM

The walking trails

Anonymous

6/21/2023 06:07 PM

Because there are two options for age, height and some basic mobility differences. I love the covered area and walk path.

Anonymous

6/29/2023 07:28 PM

It's good size and it's very close to me.

Anonymous

7/01/2023 10:08 AM

Of the play structures and easy trails

Anonymous

7/11/2023 08:52 PM

There is a cherry tree

Anonymous 7/11/2023 09:24 PM	Is large, beautiful view of the mountain, location, walking trails, event gazebo,
Anonymous 7/15/2023 11:36 AM	There are a few spots to walk my dog.
Anonymous 7/19/2023 09:18 AM	Its close to my house and my kids like riding their bikes and skating the trails
Anonymous 7/19/2023 11:31 AM	The art is beautiful, lots of places to sit or picnic.
Anonymous 7/21/2023 11:34 AM	Big toy. Our kids enjoy playing on it.
Anonymous 7/22/2023 09:23 PM	I love this park because of the view. The pathways are really nice!
Anonymous 7/24/2023 02:26 PM	It has a play area for smaller kids and older kids. We appreciate the softer rubberized ground. It has a bike path around that you can view as your child rides around or as you walk and the kids play. Several benches around the park. There is nothing broken on the play structure and the area is clean. Plenty of parking spaces.
Anonymous 8/01/2023 11:58 AM	Large and well kept, many amenities
Anonymous 8/01/2023 08:11 PM	It's so romantic lots of room to enjoy the grassy field and great play area!
Anonymous 8/03/2023 07:36 PM	It has an awesome rock wall and the walking path is great.
J_Closson 8/11/2023 01:23 PM	This is the most fully formed park in town.
Anonymous 8/18/2023 09:39 AM	Well maintained greens

Anonymous

8/22/2023 02:34 PM

It usually has two functional basketball hoops

Anonymous

9/26/2023 09:30 PM

My kids absolutely love the rock wall

Anonymous

11/20/2023 04:28 AM

Clean, safe. The view of Mt Rainier is stellar.

Optional question (41 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q2 | What this park really needs is....

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:06 PM

More shade - this park is not shaded properly, only one real shade structure. A splash park could be good at this location too. I don't believe there are bike racks here either, and believe a lot of neighbors could bike to this location if there was proper storage for them.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 08:18 AM

Swing sets! The main reason my granddaughter would rather go to loyalty park is that there aren't swings here. Also need shade on the playground as on nice days play equipment heats up fast

Anonymous

5/23/2023 08:51 AM

Better bathroom facilities or at least portapotty cleaned more often.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 11:16 AM

Needs a Bocce court so adults can enjoy the park.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 02:28 PM

More trees, another picnic shelter, possible splash pad

Anonymous

5/23/2023 03:14 PM

A spray park with some larger tree for shade. The grass hill that is the center of the walking loop is a wast of space for sumner residents.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 06:35 PM

Bigger, better playground like Loyalty park. Option for a dog park would be really cool too.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 07:25 PM

Lights!! This park is so dark and would benefit from lights to ensure safety. It would also be nice to have a swing set so we don't have to

walk all the way to Loyalty park just to swing.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 10:20 PM

Less riff raff in the parking area.

Anonymous

5/24/2023 06:20 AM

To charge a nominal fee with deposit (non refundable if area isn't left clean) so people don't have to to camp out at 6am to use the covered area and are encouraged to clean up after themselves. Hate walking by the next morning and seeing trash everywhere.

Anonymous

5/25/2023 09:46 PM

A splash park!!!

Anonymous

5/26/2023 09:20 AM

Sewered bathrooms, high cover over the Bball court

Anonymous

5/30/2023 07:33 PM

A splash park!

Anonymous

5/31/2023 06:58 PM

Lights, swings, cover for the basketball court, flowers

Anonymous

6/01/2023 06:40 PM

Kids Splash pad! Many children play in this park. It would be AMAZING if we didn't have to go all the way to Tacoma for a splash pad!!!!

Anonymous

6/03/2023 05:01 PM

A splash pad! Perfect location, enough space to put one. Lots of fun for the kids in all of Sumner!

Anonymous

6/04/2023 03:48 PM

A spray/splash pad for kids

Anonymous

6/06/2023 09:59 AM

Art along trail. Maybe highlight local student artists on a rotating basis. Also, it floods in NE corner making path impassable.

Anonymous

6/06/2023 06:19 PM

Would like to have a dog park

Anonymous

Usable grass/field. Bathroom. Lighting

6/07/2023 12:58 PM

Anonymous

6/07/2023 08:07 PM

A dog park/run.

Anonymous

6/08/2023 10:12 AM

are more play equipment for the kids, for example swings. this park would be better with it too but everything about the park is perfectly built 😊

Anonymous

6/08/2023 04:55 PM

A dog park and a bathroom like the other park in town has.

Anonymous

6/10/2023 09:25 AM

A second gazebo structure for parties.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 06:07 PM

Better restroom facilities so families can stay to play longer. An option for more mobility differences. Keeping the paths the same but maybe adding some stationary exercise options like pedal bikes. Additional covered picnic areas would be beneficial for additional birthday parties. Always a spray pad!!!

Anonymous

6/29/2023 07:28 PM

An area for older kids to play(equipments), what the park have are for kids under 7. Would like an area for dogs too. Better bathroom too, we want to beat loyalty park!!! :)

Anonymous

7/01/2023 10:08 AM

More shade over the play area, better play area, maybe another picnic shelter

Anonymous

7/11/2023 08:52 PM

This park really needs swings and a zip line and more grills to cook meat and more benches.

Anonymous

7/11/2023 09:24 PM

Pickleball court, tall trees throughout, splash park, enclosed multi court to play soccer, volley, tennis or basketball

Anonymous

7/15/2023 11:36 AM

Better fencing around park, better plants and bushes, beauty bark, someone to patrol area for homeless, something to keep rats away, and maybe a fenced area for a dog park?

Anonymous

7/19/2023 09:18 AM

We would love to see boards around the covered basketball court. My husband and I would like to start a community roller hockey pick

up game in town and get local kids involved.

Anonymous

7/19/2023 11:31 AM

Swings!

Anonymous

7/21/2023 11:34 AM

Swings. Big kid swings and little kid swings. Also a low water usage bathroom.

Anonymous

7/22/2023 09:23 PM

Taller shade trees.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 02:26 PM

Shade. The trees are still maturing, so this will probably be solved in time. Swings or teeter totter for that type of movement and sensation. Flowers or other ways for kids to engage with nature.

Anonymous

8/01/2023 11:58 AM

Some love for the basketball court. One of the nets is just about to fall off and the other is "ripped". A pressure wash for the court would be nice as well

Anonymous

8/01/2023 08:11 PM

SWINGS, for older kids and younger kids, a teeter totter or some nice flowers

Anonymous

8/03/2023 07:36 PM

A splash pad where the concrete benches are, a pickle ball court and swings!

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:23 PM

Trees

Anonymous

8/18/2023 09:39 AM

Replaced basketball nets

Anonymous

8/22/2023 02:34 PM

The basketball nets to be replaced

Anonymous

11/20/2023 04:28 AM

More Japanese ornamental trees :) Yoshino cherry blossoms , red maple , and a steady supply of dog waste bags.

Optional question (42 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Loyalty Park

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

14 June 2019 - 17 March 2024

PROJECT NAME:

2024-2030 Parks & Trails Plan



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | I love this park because....

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:04 PM

It's central in the city, serves a variety of ages/kids in the area

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:11 PM

The play area

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:38 PM

Because of the shade and the how much grass area it has. We have always called it the shady park. I love that I can sit on the disk swing with my kids. I love the part where the big field goes behind the houses, great running room or great space for a game

Anonymous

5/16/2023 10:14 PM

Trees and great play area

Anonymous

5/23/2023 08:09 AM

Close to everything and great for everyone to come rela and gather together.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 03:28 PM

It's only a few blocks from my house.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 07:27 PM

It is a local family friendly part with lots of shade, space, and options to play.

Anonymous

5/24/2023 01:15 PM

It's kept nice

Anonymous

5/24/2023 01:16 PM

It's clean, safe, and updated!

Anonymous

5/25/2023 05:41 PM

It's has a lot of space and a lot of shade and is pretty clean.

Anonymous

5/26/2023 04:55 PM

The shade, the playground.

Anonymous

6/02/2023 12:19 PM

It offers everything: nice playground with soft rubber ground, green area, shade, picnic tables, basketball court.

Anonymous

6/05/2023 11:38 AM

The link between the two "glide posts" is something my dad would have made. It's fun to see the heavy usage and wide age range that this park gets.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 08:08 AM

The playground is wheelchair accessible and close to home.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:59 PM

Playground, trees, pickleball, the new toilet and open space

Anonymous

6/17/2023 12:11 PM

Love the zipline

Anonymous

6/17/2023 12:14 PM

The play area is so fun for my kids! Great playground and lots of beautiful trees.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 04:43 PM

It has nice things for different ages

Anonymous

6/22/2023 01:46 PM

It's nicely shaded and the toys are safe and fun!

Anonymous

6/24/2023 01:17 PM

There are fun toys like zip line, disc swing, umbrella thing you hang from, nice new bathroom

Anonymous

6/27/2023 11:14 AM

It is so all kid friendly with tons of accessibility

Anonymous

6/30/2023 10:38 AM

The toys are great, lots of options.

Anonymous

7/07/2023 02:20 PM

Comfortable ground surface, fun zip line, some shade on a hot summer day

Anonymous

7/08/2023 08:45 PM

It is clean, there is lots of trees and play equipment.

Anonymous

It has a lot of shade, grass, and a great zip line!

7/15/2023 12:27 PM

Anonymous

7/16/2023 03:42 PM

It has so many trees for shade and a nice cool breeze

Anonymous

7/18/2023 10:01 AM

Of all the trees and good picnic areas. We have always called this the shady park. We love that it has the swings and Zipline (which I wasn't sure at first because it cut into some of the grass play area). We also love the big field to play in.

Anonymous

7/19/2023 09:39 AM

All the awesome things for kids to do

Anonymous

7/19/2023 11:20 AM

The shade, well kept environment and variety of toys for all ages

Anonymous

7/22/2023 07:59 AM

It's an extension of my yard as my house borders it. I have 3 generations of family who have played in this park.

Anonymous

7/25/2023 01:35 PM

This is one of the most inclusive parks in our area. We love all of the different sensory experiences it has to offer. Our favorite is the zip line. When our kids were young they loved the "boat." We love that we have been here many times with something broken but the next time we come it is fixed, thank you for always being quick to fix things. We enjoy the shade and that the park is usually clean.

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:27 PM

Love the shady trees and seating.

Anonymous

8/14/2023 01:52 PM

It has shade and has lot's of land

Anonymous

9/26/2023 09:29 PM

Great location for the neighborhood, grand park with large play structure for kids and beautiful open green space to enjoy the outdoors. Would not change a thing.... Except maybe the tall spinning toy that keeps breaking and needing to be replaced ♀

Anonymous

1/20/2024 04:21 PM

It's cool

Optional question (35 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q2 | What this park really needs is....

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:04 PM

Splash pad - climate is changing in the area and we are facing more and more severely hot days. Would love this park, or another in the city, to have some sort of significant shade or splash areas.

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:11 PM

A spray park please!!

Anonymous

5/16/2023 03:38 PM

I asked my kids what the park needed by name, they asked which one is that..."shady park". They say more trees. I think for activities it's pretty good. Also more sitting by toys. If I remember right there is some but not in great view areas. Maybe better parking but I wouldn't want to see park disappear just for parking, it works well enough

Anonymous

5/16/2023 10:14 PM

Keep the homeless from loitering. Litter. Play ground floor needs fixing. Need a new big tree on south side of playground so in 50 years we are covered :)

Anonymous

5/23/2023 08:09 AM

A pump track would be so cool here! Close to the schools for all ages of kids to come and ride. My girls would love to get out on a track like that in town somewhere. Would also be nice to move some picnic tables closer to the playground.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 03:28 PM

Fence or jersey barriers to prevent joyriding individuals from tearing up the grass with their autos in the middle of the night.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 07:27 PM

A public park is not the place to display or communicate political beliefs or celebrate sexual orientation. Please remove the bench proclaiming the LGBTQ colors. It feels very misrepresentative of a public voice. Those statements belong on private property.

Anonymous

5/24/2023 01:15 PM

The lock on the new bathroom needs to be fixed already

Anonymous

5/24/2023 01:16 PM

A pickle ball court!

Anonymous

5/25/2023 05:41 PM

That LGBTQ bench needs to go...This is a children's play area and any sexual messaging is inappropriate, gay or straight... get rid of the bench.

Anonymous

5/26/2023 04:55 PM

The restrooms cleaned on a regular basis. The new bathrooms are great but the toilet was over flowing and there was throw up all over. Yuck.

Anonymous

6/02/2023 12:19 PM

Definitely a splash pad and a tennis court!

Anonymous

6/05/2023 11:38 AM

I'd put it high priority on the maintenance schedule.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 08:08 AM

Parking, especially handicap parking. I cannot take my daughter to this park because there is no where to safely unload her power chair. This is a violation of disability rights.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:59 PM

ADA designated parking! Lighting

Anonymous

6/17/2023 12:11 PM

A covered structure

Anonymous

6/17/2023 12:14 PM

A few more benches for parents around the playground, a covered area would be nice on hot days. Splash park or sports courts would be awesome!

Anonymous

6/17/2023 07:30 PM

Dog park

Anonymous

6/21/2023 04:43 PM

Splash park

Anonymous

6/22/2023 01:46 PM

A water feature would be amazing but, would likely be very costly. We love this park!

Anonymous

6/24/2023 01:17 PM

Spray/splash area for kids to play

Anonymous

6/27/2023 11:14 AM

A bigger kid zip line, some more adaptive swings.

Anonymous

6/28/2023 01:35 PM

The purple swing with the yellow metal frame needs repair. A bolt has come out that attaches the front left pole to the swing.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 10:38 AM

Bench's that face the kid toys, to allow parents/grandparents to watch comfortably from a distance.

Anonymous

7/07/2023 02:20 PM

More swings, more benches and tables in the playground areas

Anonymous

7/08/2023 08:45 PM

A spray park or a splash pad!

Anonymous

7/12/2023 01:18 PM

A water play area, cover over some of the slides because they are way too hot to use when the sun is out,

Anonymous

7/15/2023 12:27 PM

A pavilion/covered area.

Anonymous

7/16/2023 03:42 PM

More zip lines per kids request, water park, and parking per adults request.

Anonymous

7/18/2023 10:01 AM

A better bathroom area. I'm not sure I trust the new design, the slats and over and under space makes me unsure of using it if someone wants to be a perv. Also more bathrooms, I'm sure your just testing the 1 but it is not enough.

Anonymous

7/19/2023 09:39 AM

A better way to keep the piano charged. Maybe a solar pack, as well as one of the spinning toys always get jammed as hard to turn

Anonymous

7/19/2023 11:20 AM

Bathrooms. More Than one More picnic tables Basketball court

Anonymous

7/22/2023 07:59 AM

More picnic tables on the south east side more seating. Bring back the giant swing!!!

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:27 PM

Flatten and plant a lawn grass in the large field area to allow it to be used as sports fields or make it more inviting for open play.

Anonymous

8/14/2023 01:52 PM

Monkey bars picnic table(s) near the playground, splash pad or fountain for kids to play in

Anonymous

9/26/2023 09:29 PM

Would not change a thing

Anonymous

1/20/2024 04:21 PM

What this park really needs is a skate plaza with ledges, rails, and quarter pipes for the kids that love to skate but comes rules for the park to be respected. And if you think this park is gonna get ruined, it won't. Because it's not the skaters that ruin it, it is the teens that vandalize and the skaters keep it clean and they would keep the teens that want to destroy property out. Please consider this. It would really be very awesome. Nothing super expensive, just something that is better than that shitty sumner skateparks that no one likes. By the way it's a waste of space.

Optional question (37 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Reuben Knoblauch Heritage Park

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | I love this park because....

Anonymous

6/02/2023 02:51 PM

To be honest, I don't really spend time here. I live one street over and would love to spend more time, there just isn't much that makes me want to go there.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:55 PM

Great community events!

Anonymous

6/08/2023 07:34 PM

It's shape as the confluence point of two roads. It's location in a prominent area of downtown. The architecture and shops surrounding the park (with the exception of the buildings directly bordering the park on the south end.)

Anonymous

7/07/2023 06:58 PM

Proximity to downtown shops, bars, and eateries. Close to transit, easy to find parking most days on street. Live music in the summer

Anonymous

7/14/2023 12:50 PM

Peaceful and view of Mt. Rainier

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:28 PM

Nice urban park feel.

Optional question (6 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q2 | What this park really needs is....

Anonymous

6/02/2023 02:51 PM

Playground for kids, better seating options, firepits, covered seating options, restroom.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:55 PM

To move forward with the park and alley project

Anonymous

6/08/2023 07:34 PM

More: trees, fountains/water features, soil, native plants, inviting placemaking features, such as fountains, updated benches and tables, public art, etc., landscaping, hardscaping, boulders, vendors, food trucks, a sound buffer on the west between the train tracks and the park, etc. The horn destroys any serenity one may get from being

at the park. That's where some mature trees would help. Trees are essential to a good park. The best parks for me are ones where the native forest has been preserved and turned into a park. Obviously, it's too late for this park but more trees can be planted. They give shade and cool the surrounding area in summer and protect from rain in winter. They offer contrast and visual interest to the treeless development around it. If you can't do trees then add more plants of various sizes and textures. Native plants would be best. The park is a little monoculture and dull right now. Add some diversity for visual interest and to attract birds, insects, and people. Even a small community garden would work. I really like the new sidewalks and roadway surrounding the park but I'm disappointed that the fountain was removed. It was the best thing the park had going for it. Hopefully, you replace it with another or put in a spray park or other water feature. The pavement in the park now doesn't match the interesting textures of the sidewalks and roadways. Less concrete is better. Pavement in a park, especially one as small as this one, does not provide contrast or respite. Make it a spot where people can escape. An outdoor room where they feel comfortable. The gazebo isn't adding much. It's little more than wallpaper than useful piece of public architecture. I have never seen it used but it takes up a huge amount of prominent space in the park. It also seems like an antiquated idea of what should constitute park infrastructure. Consider options for something that people will actually want to use, sit around, or explore. The flagpoles aren't necessary either. They act as barrier. A single pole could hoist multiple flags. The tables around the park seem to be placed arbitrarily and look like those you might find outside of a fast food restaurant. The grass hill is not bad. It could be better if surrounded by more trees and plants to give people a view while sitting atop it. Be careful with playgrounds. If done right they can be great additions to a park. If you choose one of those bright plastic ones that you see in many cities they can make the park look generic, or just like any other place, with a playground purchased from the same manufacturer as the next town over. Plastic looks cheap and impermanent, even if it's not intended to be. Think about using natural materials. Same with public art. If you go with those copper statues of children frolicking it could look eye-rollingly dull and conservative. Interesting art can really add to a sense of place if done right. People also often get excited about ideas like amphitheaters when shown design mockups. Its like going to a house that has been staged and the buyers imagine themselves sitting in a chair reading a book but once they move in they never do. If an amphitheater is not used often they become useless areas of wasted space, so I would avoid including one. Much of the time they end up evoking a feeling of loneliness, like the current gazebo does. Instead, think of a fountain or water spray that comes up from the ground and attracts people to play and watch. 1. Trees, plants, water. 2. Natural materials, soil, rocks, useful infrastructure, less concrete. I hope that

helps. Chris Moreno moreno.christopher@gmail.com 206-407-4742

Anonymous

7/07/2023 06:58 PM

MORE Maritime Pacific NW native plants (see list on Xerces Society website) for year round blooming (early spring to late fall), nesting, and environment for birds, pollinators, education of surrounding communities. Less mulch / bark on ground -- leave some areas with bare soil. More trees to offer some shade when lounging for events or socializing. Please don't add a kids water feature. Let's be water smart

Anonymous

7/14/2023 12:50 PM

Kids play area and splash pad

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:28 PM

Small play apparatus. Drinking fountains. Planters with flowers.

Optional question (6 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Seibenthaler Park

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | I love this park because....

Anonymous

5/23/2023 05:19 PM

It's convenient located

Anonymous

6/02/2023 03:47 PM

The Dog Park

Anonymous

6/03/2023 09:08 PM

It's spacious and has full basketball court!

Anonymous

6/04/2023 06:08 AM

The dog park, and overall size

Anonymous

6/04/2023 11:21 AM

It is close to my home.

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:59 PM

Dog park!

Anonymous

6/24/2023 09:04 PM

The dog park

Anonymous

6/29/2023 04:03 PM

Love it but

Anonymous

7/05/2023 08:58 PM

people of all sorts use it. I mainly go for basketball

Anonymous

7/15/2023 08:46 PM

It's close to home and perfect for kids to play.

Anonymous

7/18/2023 10:04 AM

Not much, we don't usually go here. The picnic tables are so far from park, you can't sit and watch your kids. There is so much space to play but not toy wise

Anonymous

7/20/2023 07:41 PM

Because he is small, close to home

Anonymous

8/04/2023 02:25 PM

The landscape

Anonymous

8/06/2023 11:15 AM

It has a lot of slides and different things for the kids to enjoy. Multiple ages can use it. No fear of kids falling. Two different size toys for smaller/larger kids.

Anonymous

8/07/2023 09:52 AM

The big grassy area to run around. It's walking distance from my house. Easy to get to with 2 littles

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:20 PM

Varied amenities. Shady trees on one side and playgrounds and sports courts on the other.

Anonymous

9/05/2023 06:16 PM

it used to have swings

Anonymous

9/28/2023 01:39 PM

It's quiet and has a playground for younger kids

Optional question (18 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q2 | What this park really needs is....

Anonymous

5/23/2023 05:19 PM

More toys for older kids, like monkey bars

Anonymous

6/02/2023 03:47 PM

Larger carved out area for the Dog Park. Maybe put mulch or turf down so it can be used year round.

Anonymous

6/03/2023 09:08 PM

Better amenities at the north end atleast trash receptacles and a new picnic bench or new type of seating area. Park should have better access such as wider sidewalks and consider a bus parking lane for a future stop along Wood Ave.

Anonymous

6/04/2023 06:08 AM

More shade, seating

Anonymous

Splash park, bathrooms, less graffiti

6/04/2023 11:21 AM

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:59 PM

Surveillance and the spray park!

Anonymous

6/24/2023 09:04 PM

Upgraded dog park / upgraded basketball

Anonymous

6/29/2023 04:03 PM

We have been out of dog bags forever in both containers.. There is a lot of poop in the dog the park as well as outside of it feel if there was some way that they could be filled it would it would really help eliminate the problem please and thank you

Anonymous

7/05/2023 08:58 PM

a permanent bathroom, the port a potty is rough and often not even open

Anonymous

7/15/2023 08:46 PM

Swings, a splash pad, and a small skate park would be awesome for older kids. It also need to be cleaned regularly as there is a lot of adults who like to sit and smoke/drink there.

Anonymous

7/18/2023 10:04 AM

Closer picnic tables to toys.

Anonymous

7/20/2023 07:41 PM

This park lacks swings and pull-up bars and still lacks a roof to keep the rain out.

Anonymous

8/04/2023 02:25 PM

Restroom

Anonymous

8/06/2023 11:15 AM

Some sort of "fence" to keep kids from easily running into the street. Split rail possibly, to designate boundaries but not to assume safety. Maybe some swings? Tire swings or regular swings with a toddler /baby swing.

Anonymous

8/07/2023 09:52 AM

Swings and fenced in around the playground

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:20 PM

Drainage for the center portion of the park. The ground water makes a large portion of the park unusable at parts of the year. Add gardens and flowers and paths.

Anonymous

9/05/2023 06:16 PM

swings. give us the swings.

Anonymous

9/28/2023 01:39 PM

Swings (baby, and regular), a splash pad, another playground, add a fence around the playgrounds and a small shelter with bathroom/toilet. A trail to go around the whole boundary to walk, ride bikes, scooter and/or a "bike park" like in White center, it's super cool and fun for kids. <https://cascade.org/learn-youth-events-and-resources/white-center-bike-playground>

Optional question (18 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Sumner Link Trail

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

14 June 2019 - 17 March 2024

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | I love this park because....

Anonymous

5/22/2023 04:58 PM

It's clean and it's kept up by Sumner Parks. It's a good place to go for a walk or ride a bike and there's no homeless people on it.

Anonymous

5/22/2023 06:28 PM

Beautiful, peaceful, trees, flowers, birds. In the midst of roaring car, truck and jet engines, an oasis.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 08:07 AM

Use it to commute to work in Auburn daily! Kept clean and great to bring kids out to on the weekends. Excited to see how the new trail will connect through the golf course.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 04:00 PM

It is not crowded and is away from the main roads. Minimal to no homeless people in the trail, I feel safe walking here

Anonymous

5/24/2023 01:31 PM

It is beautiful and well maintained.

Anonymous

5/24/2023 04:02 PM

It's very quiet and peaceful!

Anonymous

5/24/2023 04:07 PM

It is accessible at many points, paved, and connects to other local trails. Mileage signs are great!

Anonymous

5/25/2023 11:16 AM

Provides good open, walking, riding space. Provides some increased access to the inter urban, foothills, and river trails

Anonymous

5/26/2023 08:45 AM

It's next to the river away from traffic

Anonymous

5/26/2023 09:44 AM

It's flat and it follows the river.

Anonymous

5/27/2023 01:34 PM

Great clean wide trail

Anonymous

5/28/2023 08:36 PM

It is a great connector to different routes, from any direction

Anonymous

6/03/2023 11:14 AM

Dog walking

Anonymous

6/04/2023 01:05 PM

It's a beautiful, well kept trail that connects to the Foothills trail for my bike rides.

Anonymous

6/04/2023 02:33 PM

I love this park because it's an easily accessible trail and will become easily part of the larger trail network from Seattle to Enumclaw

Anonymous

6/05/2023 11:34 AM

It provides a wonderful respite from a standard walk around Sumner.

Anonymous

6/05/2023 01:53 PM

Great access to river trail....you can also see a cool salmon trap, take breaks at port a potty's and connect with the Puyallup trail...I've also seen a good park presence to keep the homeless out, garbage cans to reduce littering and mowed grass!

Anonymous

6/05/2023 03:14 PM

It's the perfect place to take my dog for a walk. The trees, shrubbery and river are beautiful to look at.

Anonymous

6/06/2023 02:20 PM

Parking right by, no homeless or druggies ever

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:57 PM

Variety of sites, city, river, and fields

Anonymous

6/07/2023 06:51 PM

Uninterrupted paved trail

Anonymous

6/08/2023 06:40 AM

It provides an accessible suburban trail that connects to existing trail systems. Its location is convenient to where I live. The paved and adjacent unpaved areas provide a wildlife corridor and we have seen many species there.

Anonymous

6/08/2023 10:40 AM

This is a great trail. I've enjoyed it as a runner and now as a bicyclist. I like this it is so well maintained.

Anonymous

I ride my bike on it every day for exercise and relaxation.

6/11/2023 03:09 PM

Anonymous

6/13/2023 07:17 AM

I ride it every day on my bike.

Anonymous

6/18/2023 01:06 PM

Trails by the rivers

Anonymous

6/19/2023 05:03 PM

Connector trail a good idea that needs final completion

Anonymous

6/23/2023 10:53 AM

It's the only good place to walk in town if you want some nature instead of car noises and exhaust.

Anonymous

6/24/2023 08:31 AM

Nice short trail & good view of river

Anonymous

6/25/2023 12:20 PM

It's quiet

Anonymous

6/25/2023 07:44 PM

We love walking the trail snaking around the river!

Anonymous

6/28/2023 09:07 AM

Just the fact that it's here

Anonymous

7/02/2023 11:37 AM

It is a necessary part of our existence to connect with Nature. It's part of our Humanity. I walk this trail every day—I walk the River and Pray as part of my Spiritual practice. It brings me peace and has brought my blood pressure down considerably. It improves our lives mentally, spiritually and physically.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 11:42 AM

It's beauty, serenity, safety and we'll kept.

Anonymous

7/09/2023 12:52 PM

It's in nature and quiet yet so close to town

Anonymous

7/09/2023 08:00 PM

It avoids car and semi traffic. It's peaceful. It's cool in the summer. My kids can be on it without cars blasting us at 50 mph

Anonymous

7/10/2023 04:09 PM

It creates a good distance for running and cycling - love the amount of quiet nature and seperation from main roads.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:15 AM

Good multipurpose trail that forms important link in regional system. Interurban — Foothills.

Anonymous

7/16/2023 11:54 AM

Being able to go cycling without traffic is way safer.

Anonymous

7/16/2023 06:06 PM

It's scenic, and easily accessible.

Anonymous

7/17/2023 04:43 PM

Nice walking or bike path alongside the river

Anonymous

7/18/2023 03:52 PM

Yes

Anonymous

7/20/2023 06:14 AM

It is close to home and I can get in a quick bike ride without driving 10+ miles

Anonymous

7/25/2023 04:41 PM

Nice and quiet not too busy!

Anonymous

7/25/2023 05:09 PM

You can see the open space areas within the city.

Anonymous

7/27/2023 01:05 PM

I don't

Anonymous

7/29/2023 12:15 PM

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Anonymous

8/01/2023 12:27 PM

Because of privacy and smooth roads to take my daughter in a stroller and and easy roads for strollers to ride on.

Anonymous

8/08/2023 03:37 PM

It provides a high quality Greenspan to exercise walk, run, bike and is dog friendly

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:15 PM

It is the only dedicated trail.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 07:42 PM

Me encanta el cendero

Anonymous

8/13/2023 11:48 AM

can safely commute

Anonymous

8/23/2023 09:40 AM

It does as it's called, Sumner Link Trail. It links River Walk to the south end of the Interurban Trail.

Anonymous

8/24/2023 08:58 AM

I love this park because weather I am Walking, running or riding a bike I feel Like I am out far away from the city and one with nature.

Anonymous

8/25/2023 04:00 PM

It is well maintained, feels safe, and encourages me to walk to maintain my wellness.

Anonymous

9/03/2023 07:58 PM

Life in puyallup

Anonymous

9/04/2023 05:01 PM

Good trail

Anonymous

9/10/2023 10:03 PM

Beautiful scenery

Anonymous

9/15/2023 05:10 PM

Kinda close by 45 minute drive Trail surface is generally in good shape I like big the overhead welcome signs

Anonymous

9/20/2023 07:50 AM

It's natural, scenic, allows for exercise and play

Anonymous

9/21/2023 01:11 PM

It's peaceful and serene

Anonymous

9/24/2023 10:24 AM

Kept clean and maintained. no homeless people. We are here 2-3 days per week all year round.

Anonymous

9/29/2023 02:20 PM

1. Close to where we live at Lake Tapps. 2. Quiet 3. Paved

Anonymous

10/18/2023 02:32 PM

It is leafy and peaceful. The scenery with the river is interesting.

Anonymous

10/23/2023 05:15 AM

Absolutely a great quiet escape from all the traffic in Auburn and Sumner. Awesome that one can actually hear the water of the river and the leaves of the trees. Such a gem!

Anonymous

11/08/2023 05:00 PM

It's clean, marked well with mileage markers and follows the river

Anonymous

11/13/2023 04:38 PM

It is beautiful and a flat place to walk or bike. It provides access from Auburn to Sumner without going on busy roads.

Anonymous

11/20/2023 04:23 AM

I love this trail because clean, safe.

Anonymous

11/24/2023 03:41 PM

Thanks for replacing blacktop bumps on the south end of trail by sewage plant! 😊 hope you keep working northward? Bad on the opposite side of "the CanneryFurniture"!

Anonymous

12/17/2023 01:29 PM

Great place to walk and bike.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 12:50 PM

It's a well- groomed, flat trail with no broken cement. I can run or roller skate and have fun! The trail is clean and I feel safe. Plus you can see the river over a couple really pretty bridges! Nice benches to relax.

Anonymous

3/02/2024 11:12 AM

Outside does he need a green space. Much more convenient than driving to the mountains. Clean. Fun walk.

Optional question (72 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q2 What this park really needs is....

Anonymous

5/22/2023 04:58 PM

It needs parking I drive there to walk it and there's no place to park. I have to park just the longest street in the industrial park. It needs hooked up to another trail on both ends and not go through the city. Go follow the river.

Anonymous

5/22/2023 06:28 PM

Eradication of blackberry and knotweed

Anonymous

5/23/2023 08:07 AM

A PUMP TRACK!! Also wider sidewalks along Fryar Ave and better connection at the Main St. Intersection. Would love to see some root bumps smoothed out as well between the south entrance and REI.

Anonymous

5/23/2023 04:00 PM

To connect better to the interurban trail/clearer direction to get to interurban trail. Water fountains

Anonymous

5/24/2023 01:31 PM

The bumps fixed.

Anonymous

5/24/2023 04:02 PM

A bathroom somewhere, fix some of the bumps they'll knock your chain off! And lastly there's a few spots where repairs were made and needs some blacktop replaced, gravel can be a bit scary on your bike! Thanks.

Anonymous

5/24/2023 04:07 PM

Improved connections to Van Lierop/Foothills trail (south) and to interurban trail (north). Flood protection improvements on north end.

Anonymous

5/25/2023 11:16 AM

Regular upkeep. In much worse shape than other area trails. Real connections to foothills, river, and inter urban trails. Sumner sits at the intersection of three regional trails yet has not prioritized creating good, safe connections to these trails. Better trail connections would provide an amenity that would draw tourists and increase property values. Please prioritize trail connections!

Anonymous

5/26/2023 08:45 AM

To feel safe when walking alone.

Anonymous

5/26/2023 09:44 AM

Parking that's not in violation.

Anonymous

Link to the inter urban trail

5/27/2023 01:34 PM

Anonymous

5/28/2023 08:36 PM

More security or police patrols, many times sketchy looking characters are seen in the woods or on the trails

Anonymous

6/03/2023 11:14 AM

Cops to come by to stop the alcohol and drug activity

Anonymous

6/04/2023 01:05 PM

Posted rules and expectations. Speed limit for electrified vehicles.

Anonymous

6/04/2023 02:33 PM

This park could really use the city of Sumner to fight to repurpose the old Sumner Meadows golf course as an official park. The old golf cart path is already a perfect walking path through the property. And the parking area is already there. The city is poised for large population growth, and it would really be wonderful if the future plan includes preserving the old golf course and the trail system as open public park space. Thank you

Anonymous

6/05/2023 11:34 AM

I'd start with signage to slow down cars exiting the freeway to make a free right turn by the trail entrance sign. Just today I had to wave at someone to watch the crosswalk. There are other potential improvements in the trail deviations to the stream, but I'd put priority to parks where parents are likely to bring young kids.

Anonymous

6/05/2023 01:53 PM

Connection north through auburn! Continued presence on the trail to keep homeless camps out of the river and theft in local business reduced.

Anonymous

6/05/2023 03:14 PM

The trail could benefit from more maintenance, dog poop bags and signs that tell people to leash their dogs. I've encountered people who let aggressive dogs walk unleashed and attack my dog.

Anonymous

6/06/2023 02:20 PM

Nothing really! Love it! It's perfect! Keep the homeless OUT!!

Anonymous

6/07/2023 12:57 PM

Root issues addressed. Parking lots

Anonymous

6/07/2023 06:51 PM

Connect to the foothills trail

Anonymous

6/08/2023 06:40 AM

Cannot say enough how people we talk to would like the former sumner meadows golf course area converted to a formal park. That section of land is a gem and it would be a shame for it to become ANOTHER warehouse.

Anonymous

6/08/2023 10:40 AM

I would like to see you post trail rules and etiquette, like "pets must be on a leash" or "keep to the right". When the new trail replacement is built I would like to have it connect to the Auburn-Lakeland trail by going under Stewart Road at the East Valley overpass (next to the BNR tracks). Much safer than crossing Stewart. Electric bikes go much too fast, need to have speed limit for motorized vehicles.

Anonymous

6/11/2023 03:09 PM

....the missing link completed.

Anonymous

6/13/2023 07:17 AM

The contractor who is laying the pipe/doing the work at the bridge used the wrong kind of rock for the temp path. They used large, sharp, deep rocks that ruin road tires. Please ask them to replace it with fine crushed rock or pea gravel. Road tires are very expensive. Thank you!

Anonymous

6/18/2023 01:06 PM

Connection to foothills trail

Anonymous

6/19/2023 05:03 PM

More trail signage in Sumner around main st, Foyer street, and Puyullap Ave

Anonymous

6/23/2023 10:53 AM

Solar lights along the trail evening or early morning enjoyers. Some kind of weekly check in on what the houseless population leave behind on the sides of the trail, you also have people pulling the wires out of the light poles on the roads next to the trail.

Anonymous

6/24/2023 08:31 AM

To be longer

Anonymous

6/25/2023 12:20 PM

Benches moved into shady areas. They are unusable in the summer

Anonymous

6/25/2023 07:44 PM

Is for us to be able to park at the beginning of the trail. What is the point of a trail if you have no where to park. It actually deters us from

not going a lot of the time.

Anonymous

6/28/2023 09:07 AM

Not too much more, maybe just a couple of benches.

Anonymous

7/02/2023 11:37 AM

TO BE PROTECTED. Please don't allow another warehouse to be built on top of it. There are some things worth more than money. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS THIS TRAIL/NATURAL PARK. Leave it natural. We have many manicured parks. This one allows the animals. I saw a family of 9 Elk here last summer. If it was a manicured park they would not come. Protect this Natural Park for our community and as a PROTECTED HABITAT for the animals.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 11:42 AM

Repair rough ridges in blacktop from shallow roots.

Anonymous

7/09/2023 12:52 PM

A connection to the northern section of the trail that is not along Fryar because big semis go on that road and it feels dangerous

Anonymous

7/09/2023 08:00 PM

To be respected and maintained. Roots growing through trails should be corrected. We need more shared use paths to connect sumner together

Anonymous

7/10/2023 04:09 PM

Water fountains/refill stations!! Better connection to auburn interurban trail (currently unsafe)

Anonymous

7/13/2023 09:15 AM

Better signage. Easy to take wrong turns - noticed this riding south more than riding north. Existing maps okay but need more info on other nearby parks, attractions, services. It would be nice to have some trail services. Rest areas, rest rooms, bike stations, etc. thanks.

Anonymous

7/16/2023 11:54 AM

Trails to have more connections

Anonymous

7/16/2023 06:06 PM

Parking at the north end of the trail

Anonymous

7/17/2023 04:43 PM

Some defined parking on the Auburn side

Anonymous

7/18/2023 03:52 PM

Marked trails

Anonymous

7/20/2023 06:14 AM

Parking!!! Turn the old golf course into an open space park and provide a parking lot so we don't have to stop traffic on Stewart. An actual connection to the southern section would also be much appreciated.

Anonymous

7/25/2023 04:41 PM

Area on the east side of the 24th street bridge that was temporarily graveled is getting progressively worse and vegetation like blackberries are starting to take over! This is a potential safety issue for riders and walkers!! Looks like the motorcycles have chewed it up too. Finally the Root "bumps" bad in places.

Anonymous

7/25/2023 05:09 PM

Elevated paved areas from tree roots

Anonymous

7/27/2023 01:05 PM

A map

Anonymous

7/29/2023 12:15 PM

Bumpy bumpy bumpy. Surprise dead end. I'll try it again next year, maybe.

Anonymous

8/01/2023 12:27 PM

More beach access to the river or better options to enjoy the river for kids and adults.

Anonymous

8/08/2023 03:37 PM

An off leash dog park are Addition of old golf course incorporated into park. It is a valuable Greenspan asset that should not be developed

J_Closson

8/11/2023 01:15 PM

More natural areas. The majority of the length is alongside busy roads or warehouses and after the white river restoration project another length is planned to run alongside railroad tracks.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 07:42 PM

Me parece perfecto

Anonymous

8/13/2023 11:48 AM

safe route on stewart street

Anonymous

Better road crossing marking at Traffic/ Puyallup Ave. northbound .

8/23/2023 09:40 AM

On southbound Traffic Ave mark sidewalk as a shared trail or a warning sign for cars saying watch for bicycles on roadway marking signs. On northbound trail better information on how to get to Interurban trail .

Anonymous

8/24/2023 08:58 AM

Access to be able to go down where the water is. More natural flowers

Anonymous

8/25/2023 04:00 PM

A parking area at the Stewart Rd. SE end.

Anonymous

9/03/2023 07:58 PM

Fishing

Anonymous

9/04/2023 05:01 PM

We need designated parking to access the trail from different start points. Maintain trail

Anonymous

9/10/2023 10:03 PM

A bathroom or porta potty

Anonymous

9/15/2023 05:10 PM

Better directional signs connecting it to the Interurban and Puyallup River Trails Argh - the terrible gravel at the construction site just after Mile 1.5/3.5. WHY DO THIS? Other trails have done this, too - gravel too big and too deep - dangerous! Only passable with a mountain bike. My gravel bike sunk in. Please tell trail maintainers to stop doing this - thanks! Confusing transition from Fryar Ave back on the trail heading N - better signage would help first timers like us. Paint refresh needed on roots. Please update Trail Link App about parking and restrooms at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Anonymous

9/20/2023 07:50 AM

PARKING. And buy the golf course, make it an area with a dog park, a place for rc planes, let the people decide how they want to use it, no need to over develop, stick on rules and manicure the park.

Anonymous

9/21/2023 01:11 PM

Activities near the 4.5 marker and at the point where the rivers meet. Better upkeep. The trail needs repaired in several areas. Often times it can be slick and coated with mud from not being swept often enough especially after flooding. More trash receptacles and better more consistent maintenance of trash receptacles. It would be nice to see some attempt to plant fruiting species as well as native species and working to pushback against the evasive species takeover. The blackberries were sprayed in areas while having ripe fruit on the vine

and no notice was placed this is very dangerous for the community as many harvest those areas

Anonymous

9/29/2023 02:20 PM

1. Parking at the North end of trail. 2. Better connection with Foothills trail.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 02:32 PM

Dog waste bags and receptacles. People leave dog waste on trail.

Anonymous

10/23/2023 05:15 AM

Please restore the section that has been destroyed this summer due to underground pipe work. The gravel path was okay but a restored path should be put back

Anonymous

11/08/2023 05:00 PM

Bathrooms, covers over some park benches for cover if it rains. Garbage can access. Lighting along and better parking areas with lighting

Anonymous

11/13/2023 04:38 PM

Parking. It would be nice to negotiate with nearby businesses or the old golf course to allow parking without covering more of the landscape in cement/asphalt.

Anonymous

11/20/2023 04:23 AM

Better underpass or overpasses! Main and Traffic Ave ... who can cross that busy intersection! We should have budgeted in a trail underpass there while the new beautiful bridge was built! My dream is to make a streamlined uninterrupted train from Orting from the south and Stewart to the north, and the beyond.

Anonymous

11/24/2023 03:41 PM

Just hoping the city will continue fixing the bad blacktop bumps on the trail?

Anonymous

12/17/2023 01:29 PM

A place to park. No trailhead parking . Stewart road east between Butte and east valley

Anonymous

2/17/2024 12:50 PM

A bathroom! Somewhere I can change into my gear after work without going home. A water fountain or two. More designated parking that's not blocking other businesses or semi trucks.

Anonymous

3/02/2024 11:12 AM

Moore does designated parking. Even on the website it does not appear to show spots that are easily accessible for groups to park.

Optional question (71 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

CA – CONSENT AGENDA **ES** – EXECUTIVE SESSION **NB** – NEW BUSINESS
UB – UNFINISHED BUSINESS **P** – PRESENTATION **PH** – PUBLIC HEARING **PR** – PROCLAMATION

5/4	Council Budget Retreat	
5/14	All-Staff	Sr. Center
9/12	All-Staff	Old Cannery
8/7	EE BBQ	
12/10	EE Breakfast	

APRIL 1 RCM

CA Grant Acceptance Flood Plain by Design
 CA Security Solutions Contract Award
 CA Resolution No. XXXX – Entering a Data Sharing Agreement with the Washington State Auditor
 CA Labor Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) *(J. Steffens)*
 PH Resolution No. XXXX – Surplus Equipment *(J. Steffens)*
 UB Resolution No. XXXX - 6-year TIP *(A. O'H-Ayala)*
 NB Planning Commission Reappointment – Fochtman *(R. Windish)*
 NB Ordinance No. XXXX – 2024 Compensation Schedule Amendment

APRIL 8 SS

- YMCA Services Agreement Update (YMCA)
- Ordinance No. XXXX – Sewer Pretreatment Regulations *(R. Johnstone & A. Hannegan)*

APRIL 15 RCM

PR Arbor Day *(D. Barry)*
 CA BioSolids Dryer Contract
 CA Decant Facility Contract Award
 UB Resolution No. XXXX – Surplus Equipment *(J. Steffens)*
 NB Reappointment Civil Service Commissioner (Lomax) *(J. Steffens)*
 NB Ordinance No. XXXX - Transportation Impact Fees *(M. Kosa)*
 NB Ordinance No. 2839 – Sewer Pretreatment Regulations *(R. Johnstone & A. Hannegan)*

APRIL 22 SS

- Public Memorial Policy

MAY 4 (Saturday) Council Retreat 9-3**MAY 6 RCM**

PR National Public Works Week
 CA Resolution No. XXXX – Parks and Trail Plan Update
 NB Ordinance No. XXXX – Seasonal/Temporary Employees Leave Accruals *(J. Steffens)*

MAY 13 SS**MAY 20 RCM****MAY 27 SS (CANCELLED MEMORIAL DAY)****JUNE 3 RCM****JUNE 10 SS**

- Emergency Management Presentation *(E. Brazitis)*
- 2024 Comp Plan Update *(A. Siegenthaler)*

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA CALENDAR**Updated March 18, 2024**

CA – CONSENT AGENDA	ES – EXECUTIVE SESSION	NB – NEW BUSINESS
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JUNE 17 (RCM)**JUNE 24 (SS)****JULY 1 (RCM)****JULY 8 (SS)****JULY 15 (RCM)****JULY 22 (SS)***Pending*

MISC.	MISC.	WHITE RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT
Short Term Rentals	Ordinance – Refuse Collection (Code Enforcement)	
CA State Homeland Security Program Grant Acceptance for Small Unmanned Aerial System	Bond Issuance for Operations Facility	
Ordinance Insurance Requirements	Resolution XXXX – Emergency Incident Sheltering MOU	
Sign Code Update (off premise)	Rainier Cable Commission ILA	
CTR Ordinance Update	School Impact Fee Update	

April 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6
6:00PM Regular Council Meeting (Hybrid)	4:00PM Public Works Committee (Hybrid)		6:00PM Planning Commission (Hybrid)		
8	9	10	11	12	13
6:00PM Study Session (Hybrid)		6:30PM Design Commission (Hybrid)	4:30PM Forestry/Parks Commission (Hybrid)		
15	16	17	18	19	20
6:00PM Regular Council Meeting (Hybrid)		4:00PM Public Safety Committee (Hybrid)	4:00PM Finance Committee (Hybrid)		
22	23	24	25	26	27
6:00PM Study Session (Hybrid)		5:00PM CD Committee (Hybrid)	6:00PM Cultural Arts Commission (Hybrid)		
29	30				

*Meeting dates and times may change. Please contact City Hall to confirm this information prior to any meeting you plan to attend. **These meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities.** For individuals who require special accommodation, please contact City Hall at (253) 299-5500, 24 hours in advance.*

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